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Report Highlights:

On July 16, 2021, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for 11 agricultural chemicals (MCPA, MCPB, Captan, Cyazofamid, Pyriofenone, Fluoxastrobin, Procymidone, Mandestrobin, Cypermethrin, Albendazole, and Zeranol) for various agricultural commodities. MHLW also proposed to establish new MRLs for various chemicals in honey. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov for plant products and to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov for animal products by July 27, 2021. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

General

On July 16, 2021, at the 242nd Food Safety Group meeting, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemicals.

Pesticides:

- MCPA
- MCPB
- Captan
- Cyazofamid
- Pyriofenone
- Fluoxastrobin
- Procymidone
- Mandestrobin

Pesticide and Veterinary drug:

- Cypermethrin

Veterinary drugs:

- Albendazole
- Zeranol (α -zeranol)

Also, MHLW proposed to establish MRLs for various agricultural chemicals (See the attachment for the complete list of chemicals) in honey.

Please consult the attached document distributed by MHLW for details of Japan's MRL proposals. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MHLW shared the document electronically with Tokyo-based embassies. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments about plant-related proposals to PlantDivision@usda.gov and animal-related proposals to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov by July 27, 2021. Japan will subsequently notify these MRL revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Attachments:

[FSG242 English.pdf](#)