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Report Highlights:

On December 25, 2020, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for three pesticides (Cyflumetofen, Tiadinil, and Thiencarbazone-methyl) and a veterinary drug, Dichloroisocyanuric acid. In addition, MHLW plans to designate a veterinary drug, Gentian violet, as "Not detected in foods". Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov by January 11, 2020. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment. MHLW also shared Japan's food hygiene handling procedures for food and additives derived from genome editing technology. There is no public comment period for these procedures that MHLW implemented on December 23, 2020.

The attached document details Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare's (MHLW) proposal to revise maximum residue levels of pesticides and a veterinary drug. MHLW circulated the document at the 238th Food Safety Group meeting held on December 25, 2020.

The attachment also contains information about Japan's handling policy for products derived via genome editing technology. MHLW implemented the policy on December 23, 2020 and there is no public comment period for the handling procedures.

Attachments:

[FSG238 \(English\).pdf](#)