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Food Safety Advisors

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Report Highlights:

On March 25, 2026, AIT's Agricultural Section, in cooperation with CropLife Taiwan, organized a visit for TFDA advisory committee members to observe domestic pesticide screening and wholesale market operations at Taipei Agricultural Products Marketing Corporation (TAPMC). The visit provided insight into Taiwan's domestic food safety controls and supply chain management.

Background

Taiwan maintains a comprehensive food safety regulatory framework, with the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) serving as the central competent authority. The TFDA Food Sanitation, Safety, and Nutrition Advisory Committee reviews maximum residue limits (MRLs), food additives, novel foods, and food hygiene regulations. Committee members represent diverse technical disciplines and provide expert recommendations that inform regulatory decisions affecting both domestic and imported food products.

Market Visit Overview

On March 25, 2026, AIT and CropLife Taiwan organized a visit to the Taipei Agricultural Products Marketing Corporation (TAPMC). TAPMC is Taiwan's largest agricultural wholesale market and handles more than one-third of daily domestic fruit and vegetable volume. Participants observed pre-market pesticide screening and wholesale auction operations. TAPMC officials provided briefings on sourcing, testing, and distribution processes.

Pesticide Testing Practices

TAPMC uses a rapid mass spectrometry screening method¹ developed by the Ministry of Agriculture's Agricultural Chemicals Research Institute. The method produces results in approximately 20 minutes and detects more than 200 commonly used pesticides. In the previous year, TAPMC tested approximately 9,000 samples, with about 800 identified as non-compliant. Non-compliant products are removed from the supply chain and destroyed. Producers may request confirmatory testing; however, confirmatory testing did not overturn initial results during the reported period.

The committee members responded positively to this activity. Building on this success, AIT plans to organize future field visits so that committee members can observe pesticide use and crop management practices up close and further deepen their understanding of the relationship between pesticides and agricultural production.

Outlook

Taiwan continues to emphasize food safety controls throughout the domestic supply chain, including pre-market testing and regulatory oversight. Activities that provide stakeholders with direct exposure to testing and distribution practices may contribute to broader understanding of Taiwan's food safety system.

¹ rapid mass spectrometry screening method:

<https://www.fda.gov.tw/tc/includes/GetFile.ashx?id=f638605280807736231&type=1> (in Chinese)



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