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Japan Notifies WTO of Revised Isoprothiolane Residue Standards

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Report Highlights:

On June 3, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the agricultural chemical, Isoprothiolane, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/649](#). There will be no public comment period established for this proposal as this proposal relaxes the regulation. However, interested U.S. parties are welcomed to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov).

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General Information:

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(The following is taken from Japan's notification)

Annex 1 – Japan's Revised MRL for Isoprothiolane

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Rice (brown rice)	10	10
Unshu orange (whole commodity.)	○ 2	
Apple	0.05	0.05
Japanese pear	0.05	0.05
Pear	0.05	0.05
Loquat	●	0.02
Loquat (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.02	
Peach	0.02	0.02
Mume plum	0.03	0.03
Cherry	0.05	0.05
Grape	0.02	0.02
Other spices ¹	○ 10	
Cattle, muscle	0.02	0.02
Pig, muscle	○ 0.01	
Other terrestrial mammals ² , muscle	○ 0.01	
Cattle, fat	0.02	0.02
Pig, fat	○ 0.01	
Other terrestrial mammals, fat	○ 0.01	
Cattle, liver	0.02	0.02
Pig, liver	○ 0.01	
Other terrestrial mammals, liver	○ 0.01	
Cattle, kidney	0.02	0.02
Pig, kidney	○ 0.01	
Other terrestrial mammals, kidney	○ 0.01	
Cattle, edible offal ³	0.02	0.02
Pig, edible offal	○ 0.01	
Other terrestrial mammals, edible offal	○ 0.01	
Milk	0.02	0.02
Fish	3	3

● : Commodities for which MRLs are to be lowered or deleted.

○ : Commodities for which MRLs are to be increased or newly set.

Note: The residue definition is isoprothiolane only. The residue definition will not be changed.

* The uniform limit 0.01 ppm will be applied to commodities for which draft MRLs are not given in this table and to commodities not listed above.

* Diagonal line means deletion of a food category to which an MRL applies.

* Food category "Loquat" will be abolished and integrated into "Loquat (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", followed by the current food category system for MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in Japan.

1. "Other spices" refers to all spices, except horseradish, wasabi (Japanese horseradish) rhizomes, garlic, peppers chili, paprika, ginger, lemon peels, orange peels (including navel orange), yuzu (Chinese citron) peels and sesame seeds.
2. "Other terrestrial mammals" refers to all terrestrial mammals, except cattle and pig.
3. "Edible offal" refers to all edible parts, except muscle, fat, liver and kidney.