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Japan Notifies WTO of Revised Methoxyfenozide 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, Methoxyfenozide, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/645](#). The public comment period for the draft will close on August 2, 2019. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by July 19, 2019.

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General Information:

On June 3, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the agricultural chemical, Methoxyfenozide, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/645](#). Japan's proposed changes to the MRLs for Methoxyfenozide can be found [here](#), or below in Annex-1.

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(The following is taken from Japan's notification)

Annex 1 – Japan's Revised MRL for Methoxyfenozide

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Rice (brown rice)	0.1	0.1
Corn (maize, including pop corn and sweet corn)	0.02	0.02
Soybeans, dry	0.5	0.5
Beans, dry ¹	5	5
Peas	5	5
Broad beans	0.5	0.5
Peanuts, dry	0.03	0.03
Other pulses ²	5	5
Sweet potato	0.05	0.05
Sugar beet	0.3	0.3
Japanese radish, roots (including radish)	0.4	0.4
Japanese radish, leaves (including radish)	10	10
Turnip, leaves (including rutabaga)	30	30
Watercress	30	30
Chinese cabbage	7	7
Cabbage	7	7
Brussels sprouts	7	7
Kale	30	30
Komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach)	30	30
Kyona	30	30
Qing-geng-cai	30	30
Cauliflower	7	7
Broccoli	5	5
Other cruciferous vegetables ³	30	30
Artichoke	3	3
Chicory	30	30
Endive	30	30
Shungiku	30	30
Lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce)	30	30
Other composite vegetables ⁴	30	30
Welsh (including leek)	3	3
Carrot	0.5	0.5
Parsley	30	30
Celery	15	15
Other umbelliferous vegetables ⁵	30	30
Tomato	2	2
Pimiento (sweet pepper)	3	3
Egg plant	2	2
Other solanaceous vegetables ⁶	2	2

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Cucumber (including gherkin)	0.3	0.3
Pumpkin (including squash)	0.3	0.3
Oriental pickling melon (vegetable)	0.3	0.3
Water melon	●	0.3
Watermelon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.3	
Melons	●	0.3
Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.3	
Makuwauri melon	●	0.3
Makuwauri melon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.3	
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables ⁷	0.3	0.3
Spinach	30	30
Okra	2	2
Peas, immature (with pods)	2	2
Kidney beans, immature (with pods)	2	2
Other vegetables ⁸	30	30
Unshu orange (whole commodity.)	○ 2	
Citrus natsudaidai, whole	2	2
Lemon	3	3
Orange (including navel orange)	3	3
Grapefruit	3	3
Lime	3	3
Other citrus fruits ⁹	3	3
Apple	2	2
Japanese pear	2	2
Pear	2	2
Quince	2	2
Loquat	●	2
Loquat (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 2	
Peach	●	2
Peach (whole commodity after removal of stems and stones but the residue calculated and expressed on the whole commodity without stems.)	○ 2	
Nectarine	2	2
Apricot	2	2
Japanese plum (including prune)	2	2
Mume plum	2	2
Cherry	2	2
Strawberry	2	2
Raspberry	○ 6	
Blackberry	○ 6	
Blueberry	4	4

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Cranberry	0.7	0.7
Huckleberry	4	4
Other berries ¹⁰	○ 6	
Grape	1	1
Japanese persimmon	○ 2	
Kiwifruit	●	0.5
Kiwifruit (whole commodity.)	○ 0.5	
Papaya	1	1
Avocado	0.7	0.7
Other fruits ¹¹	○ 2	0.1
Cotton seeds	7	7
Ginkgo nut	0.1	0.1
Chestnut	0.1	0.1
Pecan	0.1	0.1
Almond	0.1	0.1
Walnut	0.1	0.1
Other nuts ¹²	0.1	0.1
Tea	○ 40	20
Other spices ¹³	● 2	30
Other herbs ¹⁴	30	30
Cattle, muscle	0.2	0.2
Pig, muscle	0.2	0.2
Other terrestrial mammals ¹⁵ , muscle	0.2	0.2
Cattle, fat	0.3	0.3
Pig, fat	0.3	0.3
Other terrestrial mammals, fat	0.3	0.3
Cattle, liver	0.2	0.2
Pig, liver	0.2	0.2
Other terrestrial mammals, liver	0.2	0.2
Cattle, kidney	0.2	0.2
Pig, kidney	0.2	0.2
Other terrestrial mammals, kidney	0.2	0.2
Cattle, edible offal ¹⁶	0.2	0.2
Pig, edible offal	0.2	0.2
Other terrestrial mammals, edible offal	0.2	0.2
Milk	0.05	0.05
Chicken, muscle	0.01	0.01
Other poultry ¹⁷ , muscle	0.01	0.01
Chicken, fat	0.02	0.02
Other poultry, fat	0.02	0.02
Chicken, liver	0.01	0.01

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Other poultry, liver	0.01	0.01
Chicken, kidney	0.01	0.01
Other poultry, kidney	0.01	0.01
Chicken, edible offal	0.01	0.01
Other poultry, edible offal	0.01	0.01
Chicken eggs	0.01	0.01
Other poultry, eggs	0.01	0.01
Agricalcural Standard (JAS) for Edible Vegetable Fats and Oils, and other edible oils that meet standards equivalent to or stricter than JAS)※1	● /	0.1
Peanut oils	○ 0.1	
Pepper, dried※2	● /	20
Plum, dried※2	● /	2
Raisin※2	● /	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 methoxyfenozide 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 categories "Water melon", "Melons", "Makuwauri melon", "Loquat", "Peach" and "Kiwifruit" will be abolished and integrated into "Water melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", "Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", "Makuwauri melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", "Loquat (whole commodity after removal of stems.)" and "Peach (whole commodity after removal of stems and stones but the residue calculated and expressed on the whole commodity without stems.)", and "Kiwifruit (whole commodity.)", respectively, followed by the current food category system for MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in Japan.

※1 : According to the present food classification system in Japan, food category "Peanut oils (limited to refined peanut oil that meets the JAS for Edible Vegetable Fats and Oils, and other edible oils that meet standards equivalent to or stricter than JAS)" will be abolished and integrated into "Peanut oils", followed by the current food category system for MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in Japan.

※2 : Food categories "Pepper, dried", "Plum, dried" and "Raisin" will be deleted, and hereafter, MRLs in their raw commodities (i.e. Other solanaceous vegetables, Plum and Grape) will also apply to such processed commodities, respectively, taking into account their processing factors. For these substances, JMPR estimated processing factors of 10 for Pepper, dried, 1.3 for Plum, dried, and 2.2 for Raisin.

1. "Beans, dry" including butter beans, cowbeans (red beans), lentil, lima beans, pegia, sultani, sultapya and white beans.
2. "Other pulses" refers to all legumes/pulses, except soybeans (dry), beans (dry), peas, broad beans, peanuts (dry) and spices.
3. "Other cruciferous vegetables" refers to all cruciferous vegetables, except Japanese radish roots and leaves (including radish), turnip roots and leaves, horseradish, watercress, Chinese cabbage, cabbage, brussels sprouts, kale, komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach), kyona, qing-geng-cai, cauliflower, broccoli and herbs.
4. "Other composite vegetables" refers to all composite vegetables, except burdock, salsify, artichoke, chicory, endive, shungiku, lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce) and herbs.
5. "Other umbelliferous vegetables" refers to all umbelliferous vegetables, except carrot, parsnip, parsley, celery, mitsuba, spices and herbs.
6. "Other solanaceous vegetables" refers to all solanaceous vegetables, except tomato, pimienta (sweet pepper) and egg plant.
7. "Other cucurbitaceous vegetables" refers to all cucurbitaceous vegetables, except cucumber (including gherkin), pumpkin (including squash), oriental pickling melon (vegetable), watermelon, melons and makuwauri melon.
8. "Other vegetables" refers to all vegetables, except potatoes, sugar beet, sugarcane, cruciferous vegetables, composite vegetables, liliaceous vegetables, umbelliferous vegetables, solanaceous vegetables, cucurbitaceous vegetables, spinach, bamboo shoots, okra, ginger, peas (with pods, immature), kidney beans (with pods, immature), green soybeans, mushrooms, spices and herbs.
9. "Other citrus fruits" refers to all citrus fruits, except unshu orange, citrus natsudaidai, lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime and spices.
10. "Other berries" refers to all berries, except strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cranberry and huckleberry.
11. "Other fruits" refers to all fruits, except citrus fruits, apple, Japanese pear, pear, quince, loquat, peach, nectarine, apricot, Japanese plum (including prune), mume plum, cherry, berries, grape, Japanese persimmon, banana, kiwifruit, papaya, avocado, pineapple, guava, mango, passion fruit, date and spices.
12. "Other nuts" refers to all nuts, except ginkgo nut, chestnut, pecan, almond and walnut.
13. "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.
14. "Other herbs" refers to all herbs, except watercress, nira, parsley stems and leaves, celery stems and leaves.
15. "Other terrestrial mammals" refers to all terrestrial mammals, except cattle and pig.
16. "Edible offal" refers to all edible parts, except muscle, fat, liver and kidney.
17. "Other poultry" refers to all poultry, except chicken.