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Japan Notifies WTO of Revised Pyflubumide 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, Pyflubumide, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/647](#). 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:

On June 3, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the agricultural chemical, Pyflubumide, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/647](#). Japan's proposed changes to the MRLs for Pyflubumide 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 Pyflubumide

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Beans, dry ¹	0.3	0.3
Asparagus	○ 1	
Pimiento (sweet pepper)	1	1
Egg plant	0.7	0.7
Cucumber (including gherkin)	0.5	0.5
Water melon	●	0.2
Watermelon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.3	
Melons	●	0.2
Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.5	
Kidney beans, immature (with pods)	2	2
Unshu orange, pulp	●	0.2
Unshu orange (whole commodity.)	○ 2	
Citrus natsudaidai, whole	2	2
Lemon	2	2
Orange (including navel orange)	2	2
Grapefruit	2	2
Lime	2	2
Other citrus fruits ²	2	2
Apple	1	1
Japanese pear	0.7	0.7
Pear	0.7	0.7
Peach	●	0.2
Peach (whole commodity after removal of stems and stones but the residue calculated and expressed on the whole commodity without stems.)	○ 3	
Nectarine	0.7	0.7
Apricot	3	3
Japanese plum (including prune)	0.3	0.3
Mume plum	3	3
Cherry	3	3
Strawberry	1	1
Grape	2	2
Japanese persimmon	0.5	0.5
Other fruits ³	1	1
Tea	50	50
Other spices ⁴	5	5
Other herbs ⁵	○ 25	0.2

- : 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 sum of pyflubumide and metabolites B [3'-isobutyl-1,3,5-trimethyl-4'-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methoxy-1-(trifluoromethyl)ethyl]pyrazole-4-carboxanilide] , expressed as pyflubumide. 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", "Unshu orange, pulp" and "Peach" will be abolished and integrated into "Water melon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", "Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", "Unshu orange (whole commodity)" and "Peach (whole commodity after removal of stems and stones but the residue calculated and expressed on the whole commodity without stems.)", respectively, followed by the current food category system for MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in Japan.

1. "Beans, dry" including butter beans, cowbeans (red beans), lentil, lima beans, pegia, sultani, sultapya and white beans.
2. "Other citrus fruits" refers to all citrus fruits, except unshu orange, citrus natsudaikai, lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime and spices.
3. "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.
4. "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.
5. "Other herbs" refers to all herbs, except watercress, nira, parsley stems and leaves, celery stems and leaves.