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## Japan

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### **Japan Notifies WTO of Revised Sarafloxacin 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 veterinary drug, Sarafloxacin, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/650](#). 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](mailto: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, Sarafloxacin, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/650](#). Japan's proposed changes to the MRLs for Sarafloxacin 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 Sarafloxacin

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Chicken, muscle	0.01	0.01
Turkey, muscle	●	0.01
Other poultry <sup>1</sup> , muscle	○ 0.01	
Chicken, fat	0.02	0.02
Turkey, fat	●	0.02
Other poultry, fat	○ 0.02	
Chicken, liver	0.08	0.08
Turkey, liver	●	0.08
Other poultry, liver	○ 0.08	
Chicken, kidney	0.08	0.08
Turkey, kidney	●	0.08
Other poultry, kidney	○ 0.08	
Chicken, edible offal <sup>2</sup>	0.08	0.08
Turkey, edible offal	●	0.08
Other poultry, edible offal	○ 0.08	
Salmoniformes (such as salmon and trout)	●	0.03

- : 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 sarafloxacin only. The residue definition will not be changed.

\* Shaded figures indicate provisional MRLs.

\* Not the uniform limit 0.01 ppm but the regulation that foods shall not contain any antibiotics or chemically synthesized substances will be applied to commodities not listed above, since this substance is considered to be an antibiotic or chemically synthesized antibacterial substance.

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

\* According to the present food classification system in Japan, "Turkey" is included "Other poultry".

1. "Other poultry" refers to all poultry, except chicken.

2. "Edible offal" refers to all edible parts, except muscle, fat, liver, and kidney.