

Past activity

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<http://www.fsc.go.jp/english/index.html>

1. Risk assessment

Most of FSC's risk assessments begin with risk managers' requests. In the period from July 2003 to March 2010, FSC received 1,306 assessment requests from risk managers (e.g. MHLW, MAFF, CAA, Ministry of the Environment). A total of 886 requests including FSC's 10 self-tasking assessments were completed and notified to the risk managers.

Assessments Implemented by Expert Committees

(July 1, 2003 to March 31, 2010)

Name of Expert Committee	Existing requests *1		Self tasks by FSC	Total	Assessment complete		Collecting public comment *3	In Progressed *4
		fiscal 2009 *2				fiscal 2009		
Food additives	100	8	0	100	88	11	3	9
Pesticides	528	53	0	528	305	63	17	206
Positive list items	209	20	0	209	109	25	11	89
Residues in soft drinks	93	0	0	93	20	3	1	72
MRLs in feeds	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Veterinary medicines	285	31	0	285	242	25	11	32
Positive list system	65	2	0	65	43	10	2	20
Chemicals and contaminants	55	1	2	57	36	7	0	21
Residues in soft drinks	48	0	0	48	29	5	0	19
Apparatus and containers/packages	13	6	0	13	4	0	0	9
Microorganisms /viruses	4	0	1	5	5	1	0	0
Prions	11	0	2	13	19	8*5	0	2
Natural toxins/mycotoxins	4	0	2	6	4	0	0	2
Genetically modified foods	107	23	0	107	90	18	1	16
Novel foods	69	7	1	70	62	8	0	8
Feed, fertilizers, etc	127	45	0	127	30	4	3	94
Positive list items	77	42	0	77	6	2	1	70
Undecided*6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Joint meeting of Feed/fertilizer and Microorganisms /viruses	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Joint meeting of Novel foods and Food additives	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Working group for food-related choking incidents	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Total	1306	175	9	1315	886	145	36	401

Note

1. If the risk management agencies back down on their requests, it will be subtracted from "Existing requests" numbers.
2. Fiscal 2009 is from April 2009 to March 2010.
3. The items which are under consideration after the deadlines of collecting public comments are included in "Collecting public comment."
4. "In Progress" includes items currently being discussed, those requiring submission of additional information and those pending discussion.
5. In terms of the assessment of "Beef/beef organs imported to Japan," which is a self task by FSC, the number of countries whose assessment has been done is included. (As of Feb. 25 2010, 8 countries are already done.)
6. The expert committee to deal with "Aluminum," which was chosen as a self task by FSC on March 18 2010, has not yet been decided and FSC is now gathering information which is necessary for the assessment.