

**Food Safety Commission of Japan Activity
(Meetings/events exception for December 2011)**

1. Food Safety Commission

Meeting dates; December 1st, 5th, 8th, 15th and 22nd (the 409th through 413th meetings)

(1) Reception of risk assessment mandates

- Data presentation and explanation by risk managers

Genetically Modified Foods (4 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L-serine produced by genetically modified strain BDS • L-arginine produced by genetically modified strain RGB • Disodium 5' -Inosinate produced by genetically modified strain CN01-0118 • Disodium 5' -Guanylate produced by genetically modified strain KCJ-1304
Food Additive (1 item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sodium Saccharin
Prions (1 item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions in measures against bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)

(2) Acceptation of draft assessments and conclusions from Expert Committees

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Pesticides (1 item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trifluralin
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(3) Adoption and notification of assessments/ADI for risk managers

- Pesticides (1 item)

Item	ADI
Dimethametryn	0.0094 mg/kg BW/d

- Food Additives (1 item)

Item	ADI
Sodium Saccharin	3.8 mg/kg BW/d for Saccharin (Calcium Saccharate and Sodium Saccharin)

- Food Additives (1 item)

Item	Summary
Trans-2-Pental	FSC conclusion: "When used for the purpose of flavoring,

	the agent does not present a safety concern". This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MHLW).
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- Prion (1 item)

Item	Summary
Beef and beef offal imported to Japan (Vanuatu, Argentina and New Zealand)	FSC conclusion: "The risk of BSE prion contamination in beef and beef offal imported from Vanuatu, Argentina and New Zealand to Japan is considered to be negligible". This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MHLW and MAFF).

- Feed, Fertilizers, etc. (3 items)

Item	Summary
Commercial fertilizer (Fused sludge ash silicate phosphate fertilizer)	FSC conclusion: "Risk of the use of assessed item on human health through food consumption is negligible as long as appropriately used". This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MAFF).
Commercial fertilizer (Compression fertilizer)	FSC conclusion: "Risk of the use of assessed item on human health through food consumption is negligible as long as appropriately used". This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MAFF).
Commercial fertilizer (Fused silicate phosphate fertilizer)	FSC conclusion: "Risk of the use of assessed item on human health through food consumption is negligible as long as appropriately used". This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MAFF).

2. Expert Committee meetings

- Food Additives (2 items) (102nd Executive Board meeting/December 16th)

Item	Summary
Magnesium hydrogen phosphate	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.
Isopropanol	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.

- Chemicals and contaminants (1 item) (3rd meeting/December 22nd)

Item	Summary
Risk Assessment report on the amendment of specifications and standards for chemical substances (uranium) in beverages	Draft was forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.

- Genetically Modified Foods (3 items) (99th meeting/December 16th) *Closed session

Item	Summary
Aspartame produced by genetically modified strain DP-No1.	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.
L-serine produced by genetically modified strain BDS	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.
L-arginine produced by genetically modified strain RGB	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.

- Novel foods, etc. (2 items) (82nd meeting/December 14th) *Closed session

Item	Summary
<i>Otona Dakara</i> (beverage)	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.
<i>Mamechikara daizu peptide shouyu</i> (soysauce)	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.

- Feed, fertilizer, etc. (1 item) (50th meeting/December 20th)

Item	Summary
Veterinary Medicine (Erythromycin)	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.