

**Food Safety Commission of Japan Activity
 (Meetings/events exception for February 2012)**

1. Food Safety Commission

Meeting dates; February 2nd, 9th and 23rd (the 417th through 420th meetings)

(1) Reception of risk assessment mandates

- Data presentation and explanation by risk managers

Genetically Modified Foods (1 item)	• Soybean tolerant to dicamba herbicide MON-87708
Veterinary medicines (1 item)	• Poultry Colibacillosis Vaccine, Live (Gall N Tect CBL)

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

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Genetically Modified Foods (1 item)	• Riboflavin produced by genetically modified strain LU11439	
Food Additives (2 items)	• Magnesium hydrogenphosphate • Isopropanol	
Veterinary medicines (2 items)	• Lactferrin • Lactferrin [MASTLAC]	
Feed, Fertilizers, etc. (11 items) * Note	• Asparagine • Arginine • Glutamine • Tyrosine • Histidine • Leucine	• Alanine • Glycine • Serine • Valine • Methionine
Annual Steering plan for Fiscal year 2012 (draft)		

* Note: Compositional specifications for food, provisionally established by Minister of Health Labour and Welfare, as those that will not pose adverse health effect.

(3) Adoption and notification of assessments/ADI for risk managers

- Veterinary Medicines (1 item)

Item	ADI
Flunixin	0.0098 mg/kg bw/d

- Pesticides (8 items)

Item	Summary
Simeconazole	0.0085 mg/kg bw/d
Silafluofen	0.11 mg/kg bw/d
Pyraflufen-ethyl	0.17 mg/kg bw/d
Metaflumizone	0.12 mg/kg bw/d
Lepimectin	0.02 mg/kg bw/d
Esprocarb	0.01 mg/kg bw/d
Novaluron	0.011 mg/kg bw/d
Ferimzone	0.019 mg/kg bw/d

- Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines (1 item)

Item	Summary
Abamectin	0.0006 mg/kg bw/d

- Genetically Modified Foods (1 item)

Item	Summary
• 4- α -glucanotransferase produced by genetically modified strain BR151(pUMQ1)	FSCJ concluded; "According to the assessment guideline, the item was evaluated to be not affecting on human health. This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager.

2. Expert Committee meetings

- Planning Expert Committee (2nd Meeting/February 3rd)

• Subjects for Self-tasking Assessment in 2011

The following four candidates of hazards: Grayanotoxin; Anisakis; Giardia; Hailbut toxin; and 3-MCPD/3-MCPD Fatty acid ester were discussed. Those were not chosen for the self-tasking assessment subject, but it was decided to be forwarded to FSCJ meeting with other subjects discussed in FY 2011 to provide information.

• Comparison of the present and former annual steering plan for fiscal year 2011

Comparison table of the present and former plans (draft) were discussed and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting

Pesticides (2 items) (80th meeting/February 10th)

Item	Summary
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Clothianidin	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.
Thiamethoxam	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.

- Chemicals and contaminants (4 items) (8th meeting/February 23rd)

Item	Summary
Nitrate/Nitrite nitrogen	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.
Barium	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.
Nickel	Draft will be forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting once the draft is confirmed.
Fluorine	Draft will be forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting once the draft is confirmed.

- Genetically Modified Foods (2 items) (101st meeting/February 17th) *Closed session

Item	Summary
• Riboflavin produced by genetically modified strain LU11439	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.
• Herbicide-tolerant genetically modified maize 40278	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.

- Novel Foods (1item) (83rd meeting/February 21th)

Item	Summary
• Transfatty acid in foods	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.

- Feed, Fertilizers, etc. (1 item) (53rd meeting/February 21th)

Item	Summary
• Monensin	Draft was partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSCJ meeting.