

Monthly update on Activity of the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ) June 2012

434th to 437rd Meetings of the Commission held on 7, 14, 21 and 28 of June 2012 had discussion summarized as follows:

(1) Risk assessment requests on the following items were made by risk management organizations¹.

Genetically modified foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phospholipase produced by genetically modified strain pLPL • Phospholipase produced by genetically modified strain pPDN
Pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tebufloquin

(2) Draft Reports on the following items were submitted to the Commission from the relevant Expert Committees.

Prior to further discussions, the Commission decided to post these draft Reports for public comments.

Genetically modified foods/feeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L-Glutamic acid monosodium salt produced by genetically modified strain GLU-No.5. • Genetically modified soybean MON 87705 line, glyphosate-tolerance trait with lower saturated fatty acid and improved oleic acid content.
Chemicals and contaminants (Chemicals in beverages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boron • Antimony • Selenium • Manganese
Fertilizers and Feeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tylosin premix A (2%, 10%, and 20% respectively), containing tylosin and tylosin phosphate as active ingredients, for veterinary use by oral administration into pigs.
Fertilizers and Feeds / Microorganism and Virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antimicrobial resistant line regarding the approval of tulathromycin as an active ingredient of an injection (Dorakushin) for pigs.

¹ E.g. the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA).

- (3) The Risk Assessment Reports on the following items were finalized and notified to the relevant risk management organizations concerned.

Pesticides and additives

Pyrimethanil	0.17 mg/kg bw per day
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Pesticides

Item	ADI
Fenpyrazamine	0.12 mg/kg bw per day
Amisulbrom	0.1 mg/kg bw per day
Cyazofamid	0.17 mg/kg bw per day
Spinetoram	0.024 mg/kg bw per day
Saflufenacil	0.009 mg/kg bw per day

Genetically modified foods

Cotton tolerant to glufosinate herbicide and resistant to Lepidoptera GHB 119 line (food)	FSCJ conclusion: According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified feeds and feed additives” ² , the item did not require further assessment through “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants)” ³ , and food safety risk of the item through livestock products was evaluated to be negative.
Cotton resistant to Lepidoptera COT 67B line	FSCJ conclusion: According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants)” ³ , the item was evaluated not to be affecting on human health. According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified feeds and feed additives” ² , the item did not require further assessment through “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants)” ³ , and food safety risk of the item through livestock products was evaluated to be negative.
Cotton resistant to Lepidoptera COT 102 line	FSCJ conclusion: According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants)” ³ , the item was evaluated not to be affecting on human health. According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified feeds and feed additives” ² , the item did not require further assessment through “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants)” ³ , and food safety risk of the item through livestock products was evaluated to be negative.

² “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified feed and feed additives (Decision of the Commission dated 6 May 2004)”

³ “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants) (Decision of the Commission dated 29 January 2004)”

Soy bean tolerant to glufosinate herbicide and acetolactate synthase inhibitor DP-356043-5 line	FSCJ conclusion: According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants)” ³ , the item was evaluated not to be affecting on human health.
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