

Risk assessment

Isofetamid (Pesticides)

Summary

Food Safety Commission of Japan

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Conclusion in Brief

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The data used in the assessment include the fate in animals (rats, goats and chickens), fate in plants (lettuce and grapes), residues in crops, subacute toxicity (rats, mice and dogs), subacute neurotoxicity (rats), chronic toxicity (rats and dogs), carcinogenicity (rats and mice), two-generation reproductive toxicity (rats), developmental toxicity (rats and rabbits), immunotoxicity (mice), genotoxicity, and also a study on the toxic mechanisms.

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Species	Study	Dose (mg/kg bw/day)	NOAEL (mg/kg bw/day)	LOAEL (mg/kg bw/day)	Critical endpoints ¹⁾
Rat	90-day subacute toxicity study	0, 100, 1,000, 10,000 ppm M: 0, 6.65, 68.9, 637 F: 0, 7.83, 78.0, 741	M: 6.65 F: 7.83	M: 68.9 F: 78.0	F/M: Diffuse Hepatocellular hypertrophy, etc
	90-day subacute neurotoxicity study	0, 500, 3,000, 15,000 ppm M: 0, 34, 207, 1,050 F: 0, 40, 245, 1,210	M: 207 F: 1,210	M: 1,050 F: -	M: Depressed body weight F: No toxicological effects (Not neurotoxic)
	One-year chronic toxicity study	0, 30, 100, 500, 5,000 ppm M: 0, 1.39, 4.68, 22.7, 237 F: 0, 1.82, 5.92, 30.0, 311	M: 22.7 F: 30.0	M: 237 F: 311	F/M: Increased absolute/relative liver weights, Diffuse hepatocellular hypertrophy, etc
	Two-year carcinogenicity study	0, 30, 100, 500, 5,000 ppm M: 0, 1.21, 4.07, 20.3, 210 F: 0, 1.55, 5.02, 26.1, 263	M: 20.3 F: 26.1	M: 210 F: 263	F/M: Hypertrophy of thyroid follicular epithelial cell, etc (Not carcinogenic)
	Two-generation reproductive toxicity study	0, 100, 1,000, 10,000 ppm PM: 0, 5.76, 57.1, 594 PF: 0, 8.85, 90.5, 908 F ₁ M: 0, 6.02, 60.1, 643 F ₁ F: 0, 8.69, 89.1, 906	Parent PM: 57.1 PF: 8.85 F ₁ M: 60.1 F ₁ F: 8.69	Parent PM: 594 PF: 90.5 F ₁ M: 643 F ₁ F: 89.1	Parent F/M: Increased absolute/ relative liver weights, etc.
			Offspring PM: 57.1 PF: 90.5 F ₁ M: 60.1 F ₁ F: 89.1	Offspring PM: 594 PF: 908 F ₁ M: 643 F ₁ F: 906	Offspring F/M: Depressed body weight, etc. (No effect on reproduction)
	Developmental toxicity study	0, 100, 300, 1,000	Maternal: 300 Embryo/fetus: 1,000	Maternal: 1,000 Embryo/fetus: -	Maternal: Trend in increased absolute liver weights and increased relative liver weights Embryo/fetus: No toxicologi- cal effects (Not teratogenic)
Mouse	90-day subacute toxicity study	0, 100, 1,000, 8,000 ppm M: 0, 13, 129, 1,070 F: 0, 16, 161, 1,310	M: 129 F: 161	M: 1,070 F: 1,310	F/M: Increased absolute/ relative liver weights, etc
	78-week carcinogenicity study	0, 100, 800, 3,000(F), 4,000(M) ppm M: 0, 12, 92, 502 F: 0, 14, 118, 431	M: 12 F: 118	M: 92 F: 431	F/M: Depressed body weight, etc (Not carcinogenic)
Rabbit	Developmental toxicity study	0, 100, 300, 1,000	Maternal: 300 Embryo/fetus: 1,000	Maternal: 1,000 Embryo/fetus: -	Maternal: Depressed body weight, etc Embryo/fetus: No toxicologi- cal effects (Not teratogenic)
Dog	90-day subacute toxicity study	0, 100, 1,000, 10,000 ppm M: 0, 2.95, 29.3, 301 F: 0, 3.07, 32.7, 314	M: 2.95 F: 3.07	M: 29.3 F: 32.7	F/M: Increase in ALP, etc
	One-year chronic toxicity study	0, 60, 200, 6,000 ppm M: 0, 1.61, 5.34, 166 F: 0, 1.57, 5.58, 178	M: 5.34 F: 5.58	M: 166 F: 178	F/M: Increased absolute/ relative liver weight, Centrilobular hypertrophy of hepatocytes, etc
	ADI		NOAEL: 5.34 SF: 100 ADI: 0.053		
Т	he critical study for s	etting ADI	One-year chronic toxicity study in dogs		

M, Male; F, Female; F/M, both sexes; PM, Male in P (Parent) generation; PF, Female in P generation; F_1M , Male in F_1 generation; F_1F , Female in F_1 generation; -, LOAEL was not derived; F_1M , The adverse effect observed at LOAEL; ADI, Acceptable daily intake; SF, Safety factor

Adverse effects possibly elicited by a single oral administration

Species	Study	Dose (mg/kg bw/day)	NOAEL and end point for establishing acute reference dose (ARfD) ¹⁾ (mg/kg bw/day)
Rabbit	Developmental toxicity study	0, 100, 300, 1,000	Maternal: 300 Maternal: Depressed body weight gain, lower feed consumption (gestation day 6 to 9)
ARfD			NOAEL: 300 SF: 100 ARfD: 3
The critical study for setting ARfD			Developmental toxicity study in rabbits

^{1),} The adverse effect observed at LOAEL; ARfD, Acute reference dose; SF, Safety factor