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1. Food Safety Commission

Meeting dates; 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 28th of April (326th–330th meetings)

(1) Reception of risk assessment mandates

- Data presentation and explanation by risk managers

Pesticides (1 item)	Flutriafol
Food additives (1 item)	Pyrrolidine
Chemicals, Contaminants (1 item)	Amendment to designation conditions for soil contamination countermeasure-designated farming areas
Genetically modified foods (2 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heat-resistant α- amylase producing, insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant maize 3272 x Bt11 X MIR604 x GA21 - Insect-resistant cotton COT67B

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

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Pesticides (4 items)	Pymetrozine, acephate, acifluorofen, lactofen
Food additives (2 items)	Piperidine, pyrrolidine
Veterinary medicine (2 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swine Influenza & Swine Erysipelas Vaccine, (Oil adjuvant) Inactivated (FluSure/ER) - Lawsonia Intracellularis Vaccine, Live (Enterisol Ileitis TF, Enterisol Ileitis FC, Enterisol Ileitis HL, Enterisol Ileitis HC)
Genetically modified foods (1 item)	L-threonine produced by genetically modified strain THR-No.1

(3) Adoption of assessments, notification of ADI for risk managers

- Pesticides (2 items)

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Item	ADI
Pyriminobac-methyl	0.02 mg/kg BW/day
Fenthion	0.0023 mg/kg BW/day

- Veterinary medicine (1 item)

Item	ADI
Fosfomycin	0.019 mg/kg BW/day

- Pesticide/veterinary medicine (1 item)

Item	ADI
Spinosad	0.024 mg/kg BW/day

- Food additives (2 items)

Item	Summary
1-Pentene-3-ol, 3-methyl-2-butenol	FSC conclusion; 'When used for the purpose of flavouring, the agent would not present a safety concern'.

- Chemicals/contaminants (1 item)

Item	Summary
Risk assessment regarding 'amendment to designation conditions for soil contamination countermeasure-designated farming areas'	FSC accepted the Expert Committee's consultation stating 'there are presently no scientific data to significantly affect on the outcome of current risk assessment', thus adopted the conclusion of not to amend the risk assessment report.

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- Veterinary medicine (1 item)

Item	Summary
Re-examination of Fosfomycin sodium [Fosmicin S for animals (i.v.)]	FSC conclusion; 'Risk of the use of assessed item on human health through food consumption is negligible as long as appropriately used. However, concerns regarding antimicrobial-resistant bacteria should further be discussed.' This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager.

- Genetically modified foods (2 items)

Item	Summary
Heat-resistant α -amylase-producing maize (line 3272) for food and feed	According to the assessment guideline, the item above was determined to be with no adverse effect on human health.
Heat-resistant α -amylase producing, insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant maize 3272 x Bt11 X MIR604 x GA21	According to the assessment guideline, the item was determined not necessitating the additional safety assessment.

- Microorganisms and viruses

<Self-task risk assessment on pathogenic bacteria for food poisoning>

- Firstly, the current status was reported by Dr. Mikami, the commissioner in charge of this task, and by the secretariat staff.
- After the discussion, then the following conclusions were drawn;
 - (1) For 3 priority items (*Salmonella* Enteritidis in/on eggs, EHEC contamination in meat [especially beef], and norovirus in oysters/other bivalves), quantitative risk assessments will be possible if after adequate data collection. Thus such effort was determined to be continued.
 - (2) Risk profile and data (such as patient numbers) on raw-eating practice of beef offal should be quickly released by the secretariat.
 - (3) The report should be provided to the risk managers to supplement their data acquisition and risk communication.
 - (4) All the 9 items designated for self-task assessment, regardless of the current risk-profiling status, should be continuously progressive. Accordingly, assessment schedule and process will be continuously

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discussed by the Expert Committee for microorganisms and viruses.

2. Expert Committee meetings

- Risk communication
(49th meeting/ 2nd April)
 - Reporting of risk communication implemented for Annual Plan FY2009, and the proposal of risk communication plan for FY 2010 (presented by secretariat staff).
 - The secretariat then reported the summary of Comprehensive Information System for Food Safety (the excerpt of sections relevant for risk communication) in FY 2009 and of the elected tasks for FY 2010.

- Food additives (1 item)
(84th meeting/ 20th April)

Item	Summary
Pyrrolidine	Drafts were partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSC meeting.

- Veterinary medicines (5 items)
(124th meeting/ 27th April)

Item	Summary
Chicken Coccidiosis (<i>E.necatrix</i>) Vaccine, Live [Nisseiken live attenuated coccidiosis vaccine "Neca"]	Drafts were partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSC meeting.
Re-examination of Bovine clostridial infections 5-way toxoid (Adjuvant) ' KYOTO BIKEN' CATTLEWIN-CI 5	Drafts were forwarded for final adoption at FSC meeting.
Imidocarb, eprinomectin	Acceptance and confirmation of assumed daily intake of each medicine; the data submitted by MHLW.
Monepantel (*closed session) [125 th meeting, 27 th April]	Drafts were partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSC meeting.

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- Microorganisms and viruses
(12th meeting/ 23rd April)
 - Expert Committee members will up-date the 5 risk profiles drafted in 2006 and will make comments/advice for fact sheets on microorganisms/viruses.
 - A small group of selected members from the Expert Committee will do these up-dating works.
 - Secretariat reported the recent submission of FSC's risk assessment 'Antimicrobial-resistant strains against the use of fluoroquinolones' to Minister of Agriculture, the original requester and responsible risk manager of this assessment.

- Genetically modified foods (1 item) *Closed session
(81st meeting/ 19th April)

Item	Summary
Heat-resistant α - amylase producing, insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant maize 3272 x Bt11 X MIR604 x GA21	Drafts were forwarded for final adoption at FSC meeting.

- Novel foods
(67th meeting/ 12th April)
 - Secretariat firstly presented the summary of selection process for self-task assessments, then the invited experts gave their scientific knowledge of 'risk of trans-fatty acid' and 'assumed trans-fatty acid daily intake in Japanese adults' to the committee.
 - The Expert Committee then discussed future direction of those assessments.

- Feed, fertilizer, etc. (7 item)
(37th meeting/ 16th April)

Item	Summary
Asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, valine, serine, histidine, efrotomycin	Drafts were partially amended and forwarded for final adoption at FSC meeting.
- Feed additives/veterinary medicine olaquinox	Acceptation and confirmation of submitted data (assumed administration dose, etc.) by the risk manager
- Veterinary medicine cefquinome	