Food Safety Commission Activity (Meetings/events excerption for February 2010)

1. Food Safety Commission

Meeting dates; February 4th (319th), 18th (320th), 25st (321st)

(1) Reception of risk assessment mandates

- Data presentation and explanation by risk managers

Food additives (2 items)	1-Pentene-3-ol, 3-methyl-2-butenol		
Veterinary medicines (8	[Vaccines]		
item)	- Lawsonia Intracellularis Vaccine, Live (Enterisol		
	lleitis TF, Enterisol lleitis FC, Enterisol lleitis HL,		
	Enterisol lleitis HC)		
	- Bovine clostridial infections 5-way adjuvanted		
	toxoid ("KYOTO BIKEN" CATTLEWIN-CI 5),		
	[Medicines]		
	Ceftiofur sodium for injection (EXCENEL), tolfenamic		
	acid, propetamphos, cloxacillin, josamycin, tiamulin		
Pesticides (6 items)	MCPA, glyphosate, pyridaben, tolfenpyrad,		
	benthiavalicarb-isopropyl, 2, 4-D		
Pesticide/veterinary	Dinotefuran		
medicines (1 item)			
Veterinary	- Flavomycine		
medicine/feed additive	- Astaxanthin and other 32 items (Food Sanitation Law		
(1 item/1 list)	Article 11 section 3)		
Novel foods (3 items)	- Folic acid tablets for (possibly/expected to be)		
	pregnant women		
	- Same with multiple vitamins		
	- Soy peptide-based soy source 'Mamechikara'		
GM foods (2 items)	- Insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant maize		
	MON89034 x 1507 X NK603		
	- L-threonine produced by genetically modified strain		
	THR-No.1		

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

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Pesticide (4 items)	Ethoprophos, imazapic ammonium, TCMTB,		
	isoxaflutole		
Pesticide/veterinary medicine	Spinosad		
(1 item)			
Veterinary medicines (2	Acetaminophen, acetaminophen for oral administration		
items)	(Arranger 10, Arranger 30)		
GM foods (2 item)	High oleic acid soy beans (DP-305423-1),		
	heat-resistant alpha-amylase-producing maize (line		
	3272)		
Planning	FSC annual plan for FY 2010		

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

- Pesticides (2 items)

Item	ADI
Glufosinate	0.0091 mg/kg BW/day
Spinetoram	0.024 mg/kg BW/day

- GM foods (2 item)

Item	Summary
Insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant	According to the assessment guideline,
genetically modified maize Bt11 x MIR162	the item was determined not for
x 1507x GA21	necessitating additional safety
	assessment.
Commission's view on the recently	The Commission states 'It is not
published data (90-day toxicological study	necessary to revise Commission's
on repeated dosing of herbicide-tolerant	previous assessment report on this item.'
and insect-resistant genetically modified	
maize NK603 x MON810 x MON863)	

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- Veterinary Medicine (1 item)

Item	Summary
Ceftiofur sodium for injection (EXCENEL)	Under the specified used condition, risk of
	adverse effect on human health by this
	drug is negligible. However, the potential of
	generating antibiotic-tolerant strain is
	continued to be discussed.

- Self-task assessment (1 item)

Item	Summary
BSE risk assessment on beef and beef	Risks of BSE contamination in beef and
offal imported to Japan (from Australia,	beef offal imported from the listed countries
Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica, Panama,	were considered to be negligible.
Nicaragua, Brazil, and Hungary)	

2. Food Safety Commission Working Groups

 Working group for reproductive and developmental toxicology (8th meeting, February 15th Monday)
 Discussion about bisphenol-A draft assessment report (continued).

3. Expert Committee meetings

- Expert Committee for Genetically Modified Foods (79th meeting, February 8th Monday) *Closed session

Item	Summary
Discussion on the recently published data	The Expert Committee's view on this
(90-day toxicological study on repeated	publication was to be forwarded to Food
dosing of herbicide-tolerant and	Safety Commission meeting.
insect-resistant genetically modified maize	
NK603 x MON810 x MON863)	
- Insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant	Draft assessment report was forwarded to

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	genetically modified maize Bt11 x	the Food Safety Commission meeting
	MIR162 x 1507 x GA21	
-	Heat-tolerant alpha-amylase	
	producing genetically modified maize	
	3272 for food	

Expert Committee for Prions
 (63rd meeting, February 10th Wednesday)

Item	Summary
BSE risk assessment on beef and beef	Public consultation was briefed by
offal imported to Japan (Australia, Mexico,	secretariat.
Chile, Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua,	Draft reply to the public comments and
Brazil, and Hungary)	amended draft assessment reports were
	forwarded to Food Safety Commission
	meeting.

Expert Committee for Pesticides
 (60th Executive Board of the Pesticides Expert Committee, February 12th Friday)

	Item				Summa	ry	
Isoxaflutole,	cyazofamid,	dithianon,	Drafts	were	partly	amended	and
pyridalyl			forward	ed for fir	nal adopt	ion at Food S	Safety
			Commis	ssion me	eeting.		
Glufosinate			Draft a	ssessm	ent repo	ort was ame	ended
			after pu	ıblic con	sultation	and forward	led to
			Food Sa	afety Co	mmissio	n meeting.	

Expert Committee for Planning
 (33rd meeting, February 16th Tuesday)

Item	Summary			
Food Safety Commission annual plan for FY	Draft was partly amended and			
2010	forwarded to Food Safety Commission			
	meeting.			

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Expert Committee for Food Additives
 (82nd meeting, February 23rd Tuesday)

1-Pentene-3-ol, 3-methyl-2-butenol	Draft assessment reports were partly
	amended and forwarded to Food Safety
	Commission meeting.

Expert Committee for Veterinary Medicines
 (122nd meeting, February 24th Wednesday) *Closed session

Item	Summary
- Swine Influenza & Swine Erysipelas	Draft assessment reports were partly
Vaccine Inactivated (FluSure/ER)	amended and forwarded to Food Safety
- Lawsonia Intracellularis Vaccine, Live	Commission meeting.
(Enterisol lleitis TF, Enterisol lleitis FC,	
Enterisol lleitis HL, Enterisol lleitis HC)	

4. Seminar

- Expert Committee for Microorganisms/viruses (10th meeting, February 23th Tuesday)

Guest lecturer: Dr. Jeffrey M. Farber (Director, Bureau of Microbial Hazards, HC)
Topics: (1) Risk management/assessment of microorganisms in foods in Canada, (2)
risk assessment of *Salmonella Enteritidis* in/on chiken eggs, (3) Q&A and discussion.