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1. Food Safety Commission

Meeting dates; January 7th (315th), 14th (316th), 21st (317th), and 28th (318th)

(1) Reception of risk assessment mandates

- Data presentation and explanation by risk managers

Pesticide (6 items)	Acequinocyl, indanofan, imudacloprid, iminoctadine, cycloprothrin, spiroadiclofen
Pesticide and veterinary medicines (1 item)	Isoprothiolane
GM food, etc. (3 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Xylanase produced by <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> (strain MT2181) - Herbicide tolerant genetically modified cotton GHB614 x LLCotton 24 - Insect resistant and herbicide tolerant genetically modified maize Bt11 x MIR162 x 1507 x GA21
Novel food (4)	Polyphenol tea, Ripure-S, Trigli-tea, Middle-care powder stick

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

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Food additives (1 item)	Trimethyl Amine
Pesticide (2 items)	Metaminostrobin, isoxaflutole
Veterinary medicines (2 items)	Clorsulon, mebendazole
Pesticide (1 item)	Oxyfluorofen

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

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- Pesticides (6 items)

Item	ADI
Formetanate hydrochloride	0.001 mg/kg BW/day
Methoxyfenozide	0.098 mg/kg BW/day
Cyenoxyrafen	0.05 mg/kg BW/day
Azoxystrobin	0.18 mg/kg BW/day
Propyrisulfuron	0.011 mg/kg BW/day

- GM foods (3 items)

Item	Summary
Insect resistant and herbicide tolerant genetically modified maize Bt11 x MIR162 x MIR604 x GA21 for food	According to the assessment guideline, the items above were determined not for necessitating additional safety assessment.
Herbicide tolerant genetically modified cotton GHB614 x LLCotton25 for food	According to the assessment guideline, the items above were determined not for necessitating additional safety assessment.
Herbicide tolerant genetically modified soybean DP-356043-5 for food and feed	According to the assessment guideline, the item above was determined to be with no adverse effect on human health

- Veterinary Medicine (1 item)

Item	ADI
Flubendazole	0.012 mg/kg BW/day

- Food Additives (1 item)

Item	ADI
Magnesium silicate	0.3 mg/kg BW/day

2. Food Safety Commission Working Groups

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- Working group for food-related choking incidents
(6th meeting/January 13th Wednesday)

Discussion about choking frequency (one-bite quantity basis), deliberation over assessment draft 'Risk assessment for food-related choking incidents'

3. Expert Committee meetings

- Expert Committee for Pesticides
(59th Executive Board of the Pesticides Expert Committee,
January 20th Wednesday)

Item	Summary
TCMTB, imazapic ammonium, spinetoram, picolinafen	Drafts were partly amended and forwarded for final adoption at Food Safety Commission
Spinosad	Draft was to be amended based on the report from its discussion at Veterinary Medicine Expert Committee meeting.
Pymetrozine	- Draft was to be discussed at Second Specific Subcommittee of the Pesticides Expert Committee, following the additional data submission. - Report from the secretariat regarding general duration required for paper work processing for application by a company.

- Expert Committee for Veterinary Medicines
(121st meeting, January 27th Wednesday)

Item (3)	Summary
- Avian Infectious Bursal Disease Vaccine Live (Bursa · BDA), - Swine Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae &	Draft assessments are to be forwarded to Food Safety Commission with partial amendments.

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Swine Erysipelas Vaccine Inactivated ("KYOTO BIKEN" PIGWIN-EA), - Mycoplasma Hyopneumoniae Vaccine Inactivated (RespiFend MH)	
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- Expert Committee for Chemicals/Contaminants

<Lead assessment>

(9th WG meeting, January 13th Wednesday)

*The following points were discussed at the meeting.

- High risk group range (re-confirmation for fetus, young children, pregnant women, breast-feeding mothers, and potentially pregnant women)
- The conclusion will include 'blood threshold level of lead without adverse effects', but to exclude conversion formula from blood lead level to oral intake due to the lack of data. The conversion will be tried, with its course exemplified in the appendix.
- The appendix will be further discussed by a few selected members from the Expert Committee.

<Arsenic>

(4th Contaminants subcommittee, January 27th Wednesday)

- Discussion over the direction of current assessment; non-organic arsenic is to be discussed by a few selected members of subcommittee based on detailed investigation of recent findings by foreign institutions such as EFSA before the second discussion by the subcommittee.
- Objects and type of adverse effects for the assessment will be determined for each chemical form.

- Expert Committee for Microorganisms/Viruses

(9th meeting, January 15th Friday)

Agenda	Summary
Risk profile up-date for <i>Salmonella enteritidis</i> in/on eggs and EHEC	The documents were up-dated, then forwarded for further deliberation.

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contamination in meat (especially beef)	
Three priority items for self-task risk assessment	Based on the risk profile up-date, three items previously designated as the priority items of self-task assessment were to be discussed for further direction.
WG for antibiotic-resistant microorganisms	'Risk assessment for antibiotic-resistant microorganisms induction due to the use of fluoroquinolone antibiotics in beef and pork'; forwarded to Food Safety Commission.

- Expert Committee for Genetically Modified Foods
(78th meeting, January 18th Monday)

Item	Summary
Herbicide tolerant genetically modified cotton GHB614 x LLCotton25	The draft assessment was forwarded to Food Safety Commission after the deliberation at this meeting.
Herbicide tolerant genetically modified soybean DP-356043-5 for food	The draft assessment was amended and forwarded to Food Safety Commission after the deliberation at this meeting.
High oleic acid genetically modified soybean DP-305423-1 for food and feed	The draft assessment was to reflect the points made during the discussion for finalization.

- Expert Committee for Feed/Fertilizer
(35th meeting, January 21st Thursday)

Item	Summary
Tulathromycin	The draft assessment was forwarded to Food Safety Commission with a partial amendment.