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**1. Food Safety Commission**

Meeting dates; June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> (334<sup>th</sup> through 337<sup>th</sup> meetings)

(1) Reception of risk assessment mandates

- Data presentation and explanation by risk managers

Pesticides (10 items)	Flufenacet, methyl iodide, ethofumesate, tebufloquin, pyraclonil, flufenoxuron, 2,4-D, glyphosate, tricyclazole, bentazon
Chemicals, Contaminants (1 item)	Amendment to the tap water quality standards (Trichloroethylene)
Food additives (2 items)	3-ethylpyridine, 5-ethyl-2-methylpyridine
Genetically modified foods (3 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- L-sodium glutamate produced by genetically modified strain GLU-No. 3</li> <li>- L-histidine produced by genetically modified strain HIS-No. 1</li> <li>- Insect-resistant soy bean MON87701 (for food and feed)</li> </ul>

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

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Food additives (1 item)	2,6-dimethylpyridine
Veterinary medicine (2 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Re-examination of Chiken Coccidiosis (<i>E.necatrix</i>) Vacctine, Live [Nisseiken live attenuated coccidiosis vaccine "Neca"]</li> <li>- Re-examination of Bovine clostridial infections 5-way toxoid (Adjuvant) ['KYOTO BIKEN' CATTLEWIN-CI 5]</li> </ul>

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

- Food additives (1 item)

Item	Summary
Pyrrrolidine	FSC conclusion; 'When used for the purpose of flavouring, the agent would not present a safety concern'. This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MHLW).

- Veterinary medicines (6 items)

Item	ADI
Acetaminophen	0.03 mg/kg BW/day
Clavulanic acid	0.01 mg/kg BW/day
Cephalexin	0.06 mg/kg BW/day
Item	Summary of notification for RM
Acetaminophen [Arranger 10, Arranger 30]	FSC conclusion; 'Under the specified used condition, risk of adverse effect on human health through food is thought to be negligible.'
Swine Influenza & Swine Erysipelas Vaccine, (Oil adjuvant) Inactivated [FluSure/ER]	FSC conclusion; 'Under the specified used condition, risk of adverse effect on human health through food is thought to be negligible.'
Clorsulon	FSC conclusion; 'It is not appropriate to set ADI yet, since the currently available knowledge is not enough to conclude its genotoxicity and carcinogenicity.'

- Genetically modified foods (1 item)

Item	Summary
L-threonine produced by genetically modified strain THR-No. 1	According to the assessment guideline, FSC considers that its safety is confirmed. This conclusion was forwarded to the responsible RM.

- Pesticides (4 items)

Item	ADI
Acequinocyl	0.022 mg/kg BW/day
Dithianon	0.01 mg/kg BW/day

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Isoxaflutole	0.005 mg/kg BW/day
Imazapic-ammonium	0.27 mg/kg BW/day

- WG for food-related choking incidents (1 item)

Item	Summary
Food-related choking incidents	FSC accepted WG's conclusion on food-related choking incidents.

- Risk assessment of oil products containing high level of diacylglycerol (DAG)
  - FSC approved the plan to set WG for assessing safety of those products.
  - Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) gave reports regarding safety of such products, then FSC chairperson, Dr. Koizumi, directed secretariat to swiftly plan an efficient way to proceed with this assessment, while urging MHLW to continue its effort in submitting requested data e.g. *in vivo* kinetics.

**3. Expert Committee meetings**

- Planning (34<sup>th</sup> meeting/June 9<sup>th</sup>)

Item	Summary
'Follow-up for Food Safety Commission Annual Plan FY 2010', '(Draft) Food Safety Commission Annual Operation Report for FY 2010'	Expert Committee members discussed these two documents, partially amended them, and forwarded to the FSC meeting.
'Selection guideline of hazards for self-tasking assessment in FY 2010'	Expert Committee members continued discussion, then the draft was to be further worked by the secretariat.

- Food additives (85<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> meetings/June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>)

Item	Summary
- 2,6-dimethylpyridine - 5-ethyl-2-methylpyridine	Drafts were partly amended and forwarded for final adoption by FSC meeting.

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- Pesticides (63<sup>rd</sup> meeting/ Executive Board of Expert Committee/June 28<sup>th</sup>)

Item	Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pymetrozine</li> <li>- Acephate</li> <li>- Lactoferrin</li> <li>- Acifluorfen</li> </ul>	Results of public consultation were reviewed. Draft of FSC's replies to the public inquiries were amended and forwarded to FSC meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bensulfuron methyl</li> <li>- Flubendiamide</li> <li>- Ethiprole</li> </ul>	The assessment reports were partly amended and forwarded to FSC meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amitrol</li> <li>- Pendimethalin</li> </ul>	The assessment reports were forwarded to FSC meeting.

- Veterinary medicines (127<sup>th</sup> meeting, June 21<sup>st</sup>) \*Closed session

Item	Summary
Mycoplasma gallisepticum infection & Mycoplasma synoviae infection Vaccine, Live [Nobilis MGMS]	The assessment report was discussed, partly amended, and forwarded to FSC meeting.

- Microorganisms and viruses (13<sup>th</sup> meeting, June 30<sup>th</sup>)

- Partial modification to the 4 fact sheet drafts (*Clostridium perfringens* food poisoning, *Staphylococcus aureus* food poisoning, yersiniosis, and cryptosporidiosis) was proposed. The secretariat will reflect those modifications to the drafts.

- Natural toxins/mycotoxins (\_ item)

Item	Summary
Deoxynivalenol and nivalenol (self-tasking assessment)	Secretariat briefly review the amended parts of drafts from the previous meeting, then the draft was further modified and forwarded to FSC meeting.
Ochratoxin A (self-tasking assessment)	FSC collected available data on ochratoxin A under FSC program for survey and examination. The surveyor gave a brief explanation over the report, then the committee discussed future

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- Genetically modified foods (82<sup>nd</sup> meeting/June 23<sup>rd</sup>) \*Closed session

Item	Summary
L-histidine produced by genetically modified strain HIS-No. 1	Expert committee confirmed the amended parts by applier. Then the assessment report draft was forwarded to FSC meeting.

- Feed, fertilizer, etc. (38<sup>th</sup> meeting, June 29<sup>th</sup>)

Item	Summary
- Avilamycin	The assessment report was partly amended and forwarded to FSC meeting.
- Sedecamycin	