

**Food Safety Commission Activity
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1. Food Safety Commission

Meeting dates; December 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th (the 361st through 364th meetings)

(1) Reception of risk assessment mandates

- Data presentation and explanation by risk managers

Food additives (2 item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>trans</i>-2-Methyl-2-butenal • Pyrrole
Pesticides (12 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• Acephate <li style="width: 50%;">• Tebufenpyrad <li style="width: 50%;">• Glufosinate <li style="width: 50%;">• Fenpyroximate <li style="width: 50%;">• Fenthion <li style="width: 50%;">• Procymidone <li style="width: 50%;">• Pendimetharin <li style="width: 50%;">• Phosalone <li style="width: 50%;">• Spirotetramat <li style="width: 50%;">• Tepraloxydim <li style="width: 50%;">• Cymoxanil <li style="width: 50%;">• Penconazole
Veterinary medicine (5 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• Flunixin <li style="width: 50%;">• Spiramycin <li style="width: 50%;">• Chloramphenicol <li style="width: 50%;">• Cefixime <li style="width: 50%;">• Gentamicin

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

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Genetically modified foods (3 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L-leucine produced by genetically modified strain LEU-No.2 • Desiccation-tolerant maize MON87460 line • Disodium 5'-Inosinate produced by genetically modified strain HxR-No.1
Food additives (1 item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-ethyl-6-methylpyrazine
Pesticides (2 items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethychlozate • Cyclanilide

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

- Genetically modified foods (2 items)

Item	Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid variety of Maize resistant to Lepidoptera, and tolerant to glufosinate 	According to the assessment guideline, the items were determined not for

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<p>herbicide 1507 line X Maize resistant to Coleoptera, and tolerant to glufosinate herbicide B.t. Cry34/35Ab1 Event DAS-59122-7 line X Maize resistant to Lepidoptera MON810 line X Maize tolerant to glyphosate herbicide NK603 line, but to exclude 5 patterns of those combination for which assessment were already completed.</p>	<p>necessitating additional safety assessment.</p>
<p>• Hybrid variety of <i>Brassica napus</i> tolerant to glufosinate herbicide, and male sterile MS8 line X <i>Brassica napus</i> tolerant to glufosinate herbicide, and fertility-restoring RF3 line X <i>Brassica napus</i> tolerant to glyphosate herbicide RT73 line, but to exclude 1 pattern of those combination for which assessment was already completed.</p>	<p>According to the assessment guideline, the items were determined not for necessitating additional safety assessment.</p>

- Food additives (3 items)

Item	Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pyrazine • 6,7-Dihydro-5-methyl-5H -cyclopentapyrazine • 3-methyl-2-butenal 	<p>FSC concluded; '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).</p>

(4) New Commissioner is appointed

At the 362nd Commission, new commissioner Dr. Susumu Kumagai was introduced as a new commissioner. Also Dr. Kumagai was appointed as Deputy Chairperson by Dr. Naoko Koizumi, the Chairperson.

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2. Expert Committee meetings

- Food additives (2 items) (92nd meeting / January 18th)

Item	Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>trans</i>-2-Methyl-2-butenal• Pyrrole	The Expert Committee concluded that the draft assessments, subjected to minor corrections, were reported to the FSC meeting.

- Genetically modified foods (1 item)

(Closed session, 88th meeting / January 7th)

Item	Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disodium 5'-Inosinate produced by genetically modified strain HxR-No.1	Following deliberation, Expert Committee requested amendment in some parts. After confirmation of the correction, the assessment report draft will be forwarded to FSC meeting.

- Novel Foods (2 items)

(Closed session, 72nd meeting / January 11th)

Item	Summary
Trigli-tea, Middle-care powder stick [Mono Glucosyl Hesperidin]	Drafts were partly amended and forwarded for final adaptation at FSC meeting.