

**Food Safety Commission of Japan Activity  
(Meetings/events exception from July 2011)**

**1. Food Safety Commission**

Meeting dates; July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> (the 389<sup>th</sup> through 393<sup>rd</sup> meetings)

(1) Reception of risk assessment mandates

- Data presentation and explanation by risk managers

Microorganisms / viruses (1 item)	• Meat (confined to beef) intended to be eaten raw
Genetically modified foods (2 items)	• Maize resistance to Coleoptera Event 5307 line • Soybean MON87769 line produced by genetically modified stearidonic acid

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

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Food additives (1 item)	• Saccharin sodium
Genetically modified foods (1 item)	• L-sodium glutamate produced by genetically modified strain GLU-No.4
Feed, Fertilizers, etc. (3 items)	• Fused sludge ash silicate phosphate fertilizer • Fused silicate phosphate fertilizer • Compression fertilizer

(3) Acceptance of draft assessment and conclusions from WG

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Working Group for the effect of radioactive nuclides in food on health

• “Emergency Report on Radioactive Nuclides in Foods” on March 29<sup>th</sup> and the current assessment report (draft) drawn up by the WG were considered consistent. And the Commission decided to conduct risk communication on exposition of this conclusion to provide detailed information to the public.

• After revising wordings, the Commission will start receiving public comments on this assessment report for 30-day period, and the starting date will be determined by the chairperson of FSCJ.

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

- Pesticides (7 items)

Item	ADI
Metalaxyl and Metalaxyl-M	0.022 mg/kg BW/d
Pyridalyl	0.028 mg/kg BW/d
Aldicarb	0.00025 mg/kg BW/d
Aldoxycarb	0.00036 mg/kg BW/d
Cyazofamid	0.17 mg/kg BW/d
Cyenopyrafen	0.05 mg/kg BW/d
Cyflufenamid	0.041 mg/kg BW/d

- Genetically modified foods (3 items)

Item	Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hybrid variety of Desiccation-tolerant maize MON87460 line X Maize resistant to Lepidoptera MON89034 line X Maize tolerant to glyphosate herbicide NK603 line, except 1 pattern of those combination for which assessment was already completed</li> </ul>	FSCJ concluded, "according to the assessment guideline, the item was determined not for necessitating safety assessment." This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MHLW).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hybrid variety of Maize resistant to Lepidoptera, and tolerant to glufosinate herbicide 1507 line X Maize resistant to Coleoptera MIR604 line X Maize tolerant to glyphosate herbicide NK603 line, except 2 patterns of those combination for which assessment was already completed</li> </ul>	FSCJ concluded, "according to the assessment guideline, the item was determined not for necessitating safety assessment." This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MHLW).
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## 2. Food Safety Commission Working Groups

- Working Group for radioactive nuclides in food (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> meetings/July 13<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>)
  - The Working Group for an assessment of the effect of radioactive nuclides in food on health had discussion on the assessment (draft) and for radioactive nuclides including radioactive iodine, radioactive cesium, plutonium, americium, curium, and strontium, there was not enough information to establish risk assessment.
  - As regards to uranium, based on 0.06 mg/kg bw/day as LOAEL from the result of toxicity study in rat, the WG proposed 0.2µg/kg bw/day as TDI with the safety factor 300.
  - The WG concludes that more than around 100 mSv of cumulative effective doses of radiation during lifetime could increase the risk of effect on health. The amount does not include radiation from natural environment and medical exposure, and based on the current available knowledge, it was difficult to verify the health effects from radiation doses at below 100mSv. The vulnerability of children was pointed out, who have greater risks of developing thyroid cancer and leukemia than adults do.
  - The amendments for wordings in the draft was leaved up to the chair of the WG, and the assessment will be reported to FSCJ.

## 3. Expert Committee meetings

- Pesticides (1 item) (74<sup>th</sup> meeting/July 20<sup>th</sup>)

Item	Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alachlor</li> </ul>	Concluding of public consultation; amended draft and FSCJ replies for public inquiries were forwarded to FSCJ meeting.