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Meeting dates; March 3rd, 10th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 28th, 29th and 31st (the 369th through 376th meetings)

(1) Radioactive Nuclides in Foods

5 meetings from the 371st to the 375th were concentrated discussion for the effect of radioactive nuclides in food on health. At the 371st meeting MHLW, risk manager presented data and explained on the matter of “setting indices for radioactive materials present in food.” “Emergency Report” was compiled at the 375th meeting and notified to MHLW.

(2) Reception of risk assessment mandates

- Data presentation and explanation by risk managers

Food Additive (1 item)	• Ammonium isovalerate
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(3) Acceptation of draft assessments and conclusions from Expert Committees

- The following items were to be advanced for public consultation

Feed, fertilizers, etc (1 item)	• Avilamycin
Food additives (1 item)	• (3-Amino-3-carboxypropyl) dimethylsulfonium chloride
Pesticides (3 items)	• Alachlor • Butachlor • MCPA

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

- Food additives (2 items)

Item	Summary
2-ethyl-6-methylpyrazine	FSC concluded; “When used for the purpose of flavouring, the agent would not present a safety concern’. This conclusion was adopted forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MHLW)
Pyrrrole	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).

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- Pesticides (1 item)

Item	ADI
Ethychlozate	0.17mg/kg BW/day

- Veterinary Medicines / Feed, fertilizers, etc (1 item)

Item	ADI
Sedecamycin	0.0045mg/kg BW/day

- Genetically modified foods (1 item)

Item	Summary
Disodium 5'-Inosinate produced by genetically modified strain HxR-No.1	FSC concluded, 'According to the assessment guideline, the item's safety was confirmed.' This conclusion was adopted and forwarded to the responsible risk manager (MHLW)

- Veterinary Medicines (1 item)

Item	ADI
Cefalonium	0.0016 mg/kg BW/day

- Novel Foods (1 item)

Item	Summary
<i>Porifuenoru-cha</i> [Procyanidin derived from apples]	FSCJ concluded; 'According to the assessment guideline, the item was evaluated to be not affecting on human health.'

(5) Selection of items for self-task assessment

Acrylamide was newly selected for self-task assessment for fiscal year 2011.

(6) Annual Steering Plan for Fiscal Year 2011

Annual Steering Plan was adopted for Fiscal Year 2011 beginning in April.

(7) Fact Sheet

The Fact Sheet of "Caffeine in food" was decided to be published on FSCJ website.

2. Expert Committee meetings

- Genetically modified foods (1 item) (Closed session, 89th meeting/March 7th)

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· Protease produced by genetically modified strain pCol	Drafts were partly amended according to the indication by the Commission and forwarded for final adaptation at FSC meeting.