

Monthly update on Activity of the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ) April 2012

426th to 429th Meetings of the Commission held on 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of April 2012 had discussion summarized as follows:

(1) Risk assessment requests on the following items were made by risk management organizations¹.

Food Additives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calcium acetate*• Calcium oxide*• Advantame* Changes in specification <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunflower lecithin• Chlorite
Feed additives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calcium lignosulfonate and sodium lignosulfonate as excipients
Microorganisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specification standards for beef liver
Genetically modified foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• L-Monosodium glutamate produced by genetically modified strain GLU-No5Maize male sterility induced by glyphosate and tolerant to glyphosate herbicide MON87427 line
Apparatus and containers / packages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specification standards for utilization of recycled paper for food apparatus and containers / packages

(2) Draft Reports on the following items were submitted to the Commission from the relevant Expert Committees. Prior to further discussions, the Commission decided to post these draft Reports for public comments.

Prions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beef and beef offal imported to Japan (Honduras and Norway)
Pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethofumesate• Pyrimethanil• Fenpyrazamine
Genetically modified foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cotton tolerant to glufosinate herbicide and resistant to Lepidoptera GHB119 line (food and feed)

¹ E.g. the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA).

(3) The Risk Assessment Reports on the following items were finalized and notified to the relevant risk management organizations concerned.

Pesticides

Item	ADI
Spirodiclofen	0.013 mg/kg bw/d

Veterinary medicines

Lactferrin	FSCJ conclusion: When used for purpose of veterinary medicine, the item would not present a safety concern.
Lactferrin [MASTLAC]	FSCJ conclusion: When used for purpose of veterinary medicine, the item would not present a safety concern.

Genetically modified foods

Riboflavin produced by genetically modified strain LU11439	FSCJ conclusion: According to “Approach to the safety assessment of food additives produced by genetically modified microorganisms” ² , the item did not require safety assessment.
Stacked event of maize (sweet corn) obtained from crosses between the following three lines: < Hybrid variety of Maize resistant to Lepidoptera, and tolerant to glufosinate herbicide Bt11 line >;< Maize resistant to Lepidoptera MIR162 line>;< Maize tolerant to glyphosate herbicide GA21 line>	FSCJ conclusion: According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plant)” ³ , the item was evaluated to be not affecting on human health.
Herbicide-tolerant genetically modified maize 40278	FSCJ conclusion: According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plant)” ³ , the item was evaluated to be not affecting on human health.

Feed additives

Calcium lignosulfonate and sodium lignosulfonate as excipients	FSCJ conclusion: Risk of the use of the assessed item on human health is negligible as long as appropriately used.
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² Standards for the safety assessment of food additives produced using genetically modified microorganisms (Decision of the Commission dated 25 March 2004)”

³ “Approach to the safety assessment of foods (seed plants) (Decision of the Commission dated 29 January 2004)”