

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

442nd to 444th Meetings of the Commission held on 6th, 20th and 27th of August 2012 had discussion summarized as follows:

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

Genetically modified foods	• L-Lysin hydrochloride produced by genetically modified strain LYS-No.2F	
Pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyazofamid • Tetraconazole • Fluxapyroxad • Methoxyfenozide • Oxine-copper, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kasugamycin • Diethofencarb • Tolclophos-methy • Fthalide • Flusulfamide,
Pesticides and veterinary medicines	• Cyfluthrin	
Veterinary medicines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moxidectin • Carbadox • Sarafloxacin • Neomycin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avian infectious bronchitis live vaccine (Gall N Tect S95-IB) • Parasiticide for cattle (Cydectin Pour-On) containing moxidectin as active ingredients*. • *Request for re-assessment
Feed additives	• Butylhydroxyanisole	

(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.

Pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethaboxam • Thifluzamide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyprodinil • Fluopyram
Genetically modified foods/feeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L-Phenylalanine produced by genetically modified PHE1213. • Soybean tolerant to imidazolinone herbicide line BPS-CV127-9. 	
Veterinary medicines	• Azaperone	

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
Tebufloquin	0.041 mg/kg bw per day
Pendimethalin	0.12 mg/kg bw per day
Boscalid	0.044 mg/kg bw per day

Chemicals and contaminants

Item	TDI
Antimony	6.0 µg/kg bw per day
Boron	96 µg/kg bw per day
Manganese	0.18 mg/kg bw per day

Genetically modified foods

Genetically modified soybean MON 87705 line, glyphosate-tolerance trait with lower saturated fatty acid and improved oleic acid content	<p>FSCJ conclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants)”², MON 87705 was evaluated not to be affecting human health. • According to the “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified feeds and feed additives”³, the item did not require further assessment through the “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants)”². Consequently MON87705 was evaluated not to be affecting livestock animals.
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(4) FSCJ discontinued the risk assessment on the following item because of the withdrawal of the request by MHLW.

Genetically modified food additives	Invertase produced by genetically modified strain NIA1718.
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² “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants) (Decision of the Commission dated 29 January 2004)”

³ “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified feed and feed additives (Decision of the Commission dated 6 May 2004)”