

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

430th to 433rd Meetings of the Commission held on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st of May 2012 had discussion summarized as follows:

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

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| Genetically modified foods | • L-phenylalanine produced by genetically modified strain PHE1213 |
| Food additives | • Hydrogen peroxide |
| Pesticides | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tebuconazole • Pyriproxyfen • Buprofezin • Flonicamid • Benthiazolone-isopropyl • Aldrin and Dieldrin • Methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid • Quinclorac • Tridemorph • Flamprop-methyl |
| Pesticides and veterinary medicines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isoprothiolane • Dinotefuran • Fenobucarb • Permethrin |

(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.

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| Genetically modified foods/feeds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cotton resistant to Lepidoptera COT67B line (for food) • Cotton resistant to Lepidoptera COT102 line (for feed) |
| Chemicals and contaminants (Chemicals in beverages) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nitrate/nitrite nitrogen • Barium • Nickel • Fluorine |

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 |
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| Phosmet | 0.01 mg/kg bw/d |
| Prosulfocarb | 0.019 mg/kg bw/d |
| Penthiopyrad | 0.081 mg/kg bw/d |
| Milbemectin | 0.03 mg/kg bw/d |
| Chlomefenozide | 0.27 mg/kg bw/d |
| Spiromesifen | 0.022 mg/kg bw/d |
| Ethofumesate | 0.3 mg/kg bw/d |

Chemicals and contaminants (chemicals in beverages)

| Item | ADI |
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| Mercury | 0.7 µg/kg bw/d |
| Chloroacetic acid | 3.5 µg/kg bw/d |
| Trichloroacetic acid | 6 µg/kg bw/d |

Genetically modified foods

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| Herbicide-tolerant genetically modified maize 40278 (feed) | FSCJ conclusion: According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified feeds and feed additives” ² , the item did not require safety assessment. |
| Cotton tolerant to glufosinate herbicide and resistant to Lepidoptera GHB 119 line (food) | FSCJ conclusion: According to “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified foods (seed plants)” ³ , the item did not require safety assessment. |

Prions

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| Beef and beef offal imported Honduras and Norway) | FSCJ conclusion: Risks of BSE contamination on beef and beef offal imported from Republic of Honduras and Norway were considered to be ‘negligible’. |
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² “Approach to the safety assessment of genetically modified feed and feed additives (Decision of the Commission dated 6 May 2004)”

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