

Monthly Update on Activity of the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ) October 2013

Discussions from the 490th to 492nd Meetings of the Commission held on the 7th, 21st, and 28th of October 2013 are summarized as follows:

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

Genetically modified foods/feeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid stacks between the following two lines: <Soybean tolerant to dicamba herbicide MON87708 line> <Soybean tolerant to glyphosate herbicide MON89788 line> • Maize tolerant to glyphosate herbicide and resistant to Lepidoptera MON88017 line (sweet corn) • Maize resistant to coleoptera MON89034 line (sweet corn) • Oilseed rape tolerant to glyphosate herbicide DP-073496-4 line. (Food/Feed)
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(2) The Risk Assessment Reports on the following items were finalized and notified to the relevant risk management organizations concerned.

Pesticides

Item	ADI
Quinoclamín	0.0021 mg/kg bw per day
Ethoxysulfuron	0.056 mg/kg bw per day
Fenoxasulfone	0.17 mg/kg bw per day
Fluoromide	0.092 mg/kg bw per day

Veterinary medicinal products

Item	ADI
Orbifloxacin	0.012 mg/kg bw per day

Veterinary medicinal products

Item	Conclusion
“Pyceze” a disinfectant, containing bronopolas an active ingredient, for use in medicated bath to treat Pleuronectiformes juvenile.	FSCJ conclusion: Risk to human health from the assessed item through food consumption is negligible as long as appropriately used.
The product for oral administration via drinking water to pigs containing orbifloxacin as the active ingredient	FSCJ conclusion: Risk to human health from the assessed item through food consumption is negligible as long as appropriately used.

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

Prions

Item	Conclusion
Cattle meat and offal imported from Ireland	<p>FSCJ conclusion:</p> <p>(1) Restriction of cattle age. A difference between “the ban on import” and setting the age threshold for import at “30 months” in the risk to human health that could arise from consumption of BSE contaminated meat and offal would be extremely small. Therefore, the effects on human health of this change of the border measure are negligible.</p> <p>(2) Definition of SRMs A difference between “the ban on import” and the import of meat and offal containing no SRMs defined as “tonsils and distal ileum (limited to the part of two meters from the junction to the caecum) from all ages and head (excluding the tongue and cheek meat), spinal cord and vertebral column from over 30 months age” in the risk to human health that could arise from consumption of BSE contaminated meat and offal would be extremely small. Therefore, the effects on human health of this change of the border measures are negligible.</p>