

Monthly Update on Activity of the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ) February 2014

Discussions from the 502nd to 504th Meetings of the Commission held on the 10th, 17th and 24th of February 2014 are summarized as follows:

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

Additives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2,3-Diethylpyrazine
Pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spiromesifen• Sedaxane• Tebufloquin• Tolprocarb• Flufenoxuron• Penthiopyrad• Mandestrobin• Milbemectin• Lepimectin• Oxpoconazole fumarate
Veterinary medicinal products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reexamination of Prid Teizo, an intravaginal intercalating agent containing progesterone and estradiol benzoate as active ingredients, used for estrous cycle synchronization in cows.• Reexamination of a Paracox 5, live mixed vaccine for avian coccidiosis (<i>Eimeria acervulina</i>, <i>E. tenella</i>, <i>E. maxima</i>, <i>E. mitis</i>)
Prions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partial revision of the control measures for use of fertilizers derived from regions of cattle body.
Genetically modified foods etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protease produced using <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> BPN01 strain• Peptidase produced using pSSA strain• Peptidase produced using pXPO strain• Japanese potato SPS-00E12-8²• Alfalfa KK179 line with low level of lignin

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

² Japanese potato which obtained decreased acrylamide productivity and decreased blackspot bruise.

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

Veterinary medicinal products

Item	Conclusion
Reexamination of a Paracox 5, live mixed vaccine for avian coccidiosis (<i>Eimeria acervulina</i> , <i>E. tenella</i> , <i>E. maxima</i> , <i>E. mitis</i>)	FSCJ conclusion: The item is considered to correspond to 1 of “Procedure for the request of assessment regarding reexamination of veterinary biologics ³ .” Consequently, FSCJ confirmed that this is the case where the contents and degree of adverse effects on human health are clear ⁴ .

Prions

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Partial revision of the control measures for use of fertilizers derived from regions of cattle body.	FSCJ conclusion: The revision does not affect the previous assessment results. Accordingly, the FSCJ confirmed that the item is the case where the contents and degree of adverse effects on human health are clear ³ .

³ Decision of the Commission in January 2014.

⁴ The case designated by item (ii) of paragraph (1) of article 11 of the Food Safety Basic Act.