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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

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Japan proposes the following changes to the MRLs for Probenazole:

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Rice (brown rice)	● 0.05	0.5
Wheat	●	0.03
Barley	●	0.03
Rye	●	0.03
Corn (maize, including pop corn and sweet corn)	●	0.03
Buckwheat	●	0.03
Other cereal grains ¹	●	0.03
Soybeans, dry	●	0.03
Beans, dry ²	●	0.03
Peas	●	0.03
Broad beans	●	0.03
Peanuts, dry	●	0.03
Other pulses ³	●	0.03
Potato	●	0.03
Taro	●	0.03
Sweet potato	●	0.03
Yam	●	0.03
Konjac	●	0.03
Other potatoes ⁴	●	0.03
Sugar beet	●	0.03
Sugarcane	●	0.03
Japanese radish, roots (including radish)	●	0.1
Japanese radish, leaves (including radish)	●	0.1
Turnip, roots (including rutabaga)	●	0.1
Turnip, leaves (including rutabaga)	●	0.1
Horseradish	●	0.1
Watercress	●	0.1
Chinese cabbage	● 0.05	0.1
Cabbage	● 0.05	0.1

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Brussels sprouts	•	0.1
Kale	•	0.1
Komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach)	•	0.1
Kyona	•	0.1
Qing-geng-cai	•	0.1
Cauliflower	• 0.05	0.1
Broccoli	• 0.05	0.1
Other cruciferous vegetables ⁵	• 0.05	0.1
Burdock	•	0.1
Salsify	•	0.1
Artichoke	•	0.1
Chicory	•	0.1
Endive	•	0.1
Shungiku	•	0.1
Lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce)	•	0.05
Other composite vegetables ⁶	•	
Onion	•	
Welsh (including leek)	•	0.05
Garlic	•	
Nira	•	
Asparagus	•	
Multiplying onion (including shallot)	•	0.05
Other liliaceous vegetables ⁷	•	
Carrot	•	
Parsnip	•	
Parsley	•	
Celery	•	
Mitsuba	•	
Other umbelliferous vegetables ⁸	•	
Tomato	•	
Pimiento (sweet pepper)	•	0.05
Egg plant	•	
Other solanaceous vegetables ⁹	•	0.03
Cucumber (including gherkin)	•	0.05
Pumpkin (including squash)	•	
Oriental pickling melon (vegetable)	•	
Water melon	•	
Melons	•	
Makuwauri melon	•	
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables ¹⁰	•	
Spinach	•	
Bamboo shoots	•	
Okra	•	

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Ginger	•	
Peas, immature (with pods)	•	
Kidney beans, immature (with pods)	•	
Green soybeans	•	
Button mushroom	•	
Shiitake mushroom	•	
Other mushrooms ¹¹	•	
Other vegetables ¹²	•	
Unshu orange, pulp	•	
Citrus natsudaidai, whole	•	
Lemon	•	
Orange (including navel orange)	•	
Grapefruit	•	
Lime	•	
Other citrus fruits ¹³	•	
Apple	•	
Japanese pear	•	0.03
Pear	•	0.03
Quince	•	0.03
Loquat	•	0.03
Peach	•	0.03
Nectarine	•	0.03
Apricot	•	0.03
Japanese plum (including prune)	•	0.03
Mume plum	•	0.03
Cherry	•	0.03
Strawberry	•	0.03
Raspberry	•	0.03
Blackberry	•	0.03
Blueberry	•	0.03
Cranberry	•	0.03
Huckleberry	•	0.03
Other berries ¹⁴	•	0.03
Grape	•	0.03
Japanese persimmon	•	0.03
Banana	•	0.03
Kiwifruit	•	0.03
Papaya	•	0.03
Avocado	•	0.03
Pineapple	•	0.03
Guava	•	0.03
Mango	•	0.03
Passion fruit	•	0.03
Date	•	0.03

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Other fruits ¹⁵	●	0.03
Sunflower seeds	●	0.03
Sesame seeds	●	0.03
Safflower seeds	●	0.03
Cotton seeds	●	0.03
Rapeseeds	●	0.03
Other oil seeds ¹⁶	●	0.03
Ginkgo nut	●	0.03
Chestnut	●	0.03
Pecan	●	0.03
Almond	●	0.03
Walnut	●	0.03
Other nuts ¹⁷	●	0.03
Tea	●	0.03
Coffee beans	●	0.03
Cacao beans	●	0.03
Hop	●	0.03
Other spices ¹⁸	●	0.1
Other herbs ¹⁹	● 0.05	0.1
Fish	○ 0.07	

● : Commodities for which MRLs are to be lowered or deleted.

○ : Commodities for which MRLs are to be increased or newly set.

* The uniform limit 0.01 ppm will be applied to commodities for which draft MRLs are not given in this table and to commodities not listed above.

* Shaded figures indicate provisional MRLs. The residue definition is probenazole only.

1. "Other cereal grains" refers to all cereal grains, except rice (brown rice), wheat, barley, rye, corn (maize), and buckwheat.
2. "Beans, dry" including butter beans, cowbeans (red beans), lentil, lima beans, pegia, sultani, sultapya and white beans.
3. "Other pulses" refers to all legumes/pulses, except soybeans (dry), beans (dry), peas, broad beans, peanuts (dry), and spices.
4. "Other potatoes" refers to all potatoes, except potato, taro, sweet potato, yam, and konjac.
5. "Other cruciferous vegetables" refers to all cruciferous vegetables, except Japanese radish roots and leaves (including radish), turnip roots and leaves, horseradish, watercress, Chinese cabbage, cabbage, brussels sprouts, kale, komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach), kyona, qing-geng-cai, cauliflower, broccoli, and herbs.
6. "Other composite vegetables" refers to all composite vegetables, except burdock, salsify, artichoke, chicory, endive, shungiku, lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce), and herbs.
7. "Other liliaceous vegetables" refers to all liliaceous vegetables, except onion, welsh (including leek), garlic, nira, asparagus, multiplying onion, and herbs.
8. "Other umbelliferous vegetables" refers to all umbelliferous vegetables, except carrot, parsnip, parsley, celery, mitsuba, spices, and herbs.
9. "Other solanaceous vegetables" refers to all solanaceous vegetables, except tomato, pimiento (sweet pepper),

and eggplant.

10. "Other cucurbitaceous vegetables" refers to all cucurbitaceous vegetables, except cucumber (including gherkin), pumpkin (including squash), oriental pickling melon (vegetable), watermelon, melons, and makuwauri melon.
11. "Other mushrooms" refers to all mushrooms, except button mushroom, and shiitake mushroom.
12. "Other vegetables" refers to all vegetables, except potatoes, sugar beet, sugarcane, cruciferous vegetables, composite vegetables, liliaceous vegetables, umbelliferous vegetables, solanaceous vegetables, cucurbitaceous vegetables, spinach, bamboo shoots, okra, ginger, peas (with pods, immature), kidney beans (with pods, immature), green soybeans, mushrooms, spices, and herbs.
13. "Other citrus fruits" refers to all citrus fruits, except unshu orange (pulp), citrus natsudaikai (pulp), citrus natsudaikai (peel), citrus natsudaikai (whole), lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime, and spices.
14. "Other berries" refers to all berries, except strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cranberry, and huckleberry.