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## Japan

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### **Notifies WTO of Deletion of Betamethasone Residue Standards**

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**Report Highlights:**

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**General Information:**

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The following are Japan's proposed MRLs for Betamethasone.

## Betamethasone

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Cattle, muscle	● ND	0.0008
Pig, muscle	● ND	0.0008
Other terrestrial mammals <sup>1</sup> , muscle	● ND	0.0003
Cattle, fat	● ND	0.002
Pig, fat	● ND	0.002
Other terrestrial mammals, fat	● ND	0.0003
Cattle, liver	● ND	0.002
Pig, liver	● ND	0.002
Other terrestrial mammals, liver	● ND	0.0003
Cattle, kidney	● ND	0.0008
Pig, kidney	● ND	0.0008
Other terrestrial mammals, kidney	● ND	0.0003
Cattle, edible offal <sup>2</sup>	● ND	0.002
Pig, edible offal	● ND	0.002
Other terrestrial mammals, edible offal	● ND	0.0003
Milk	● ND	0.0003
Chicken, muscle	● ND	0.0003
Other poultry <sup>3</sup> , muscle	● ND	0.0003
Chicken, fat	● ND	0.0003
Other poultry, fat	● ND	0.0003
Chicken, liver	● ND	0.0003
Other poultry, liver	● ND	0.0003
Chicken, kidney	● ND	0.0003
Other poultry, kidney	● ND	0.0003
Chicken, edible offal	● ND	0.0003
Other poultry, edible offal	● ND	0.0003
Chicken eggs	● ND	0.0003
Other poultry, eggs	● ND	0.0003
Salmoniformes (such as salmon and trout)	●	0.0003
Anguilliformes (such as eel)	●	0.0003
Perciformes (such as bonito, horse mackerel, mackerel, sea bass, sea bream and tuna)	●	0.0003
Other fish	●	0.0003
Shelled molluscs	●	0.0003
Crustaceans	●	0.0003
Other aquatic animals	●	0.0003
Honey (including royal-jelly)	●	0.0003

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

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

\* ND means that this substance shall not be detected in foods.

\* 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.

Note: The residue definition is betamethasone only.

1. "Other terrestrial mammals" refers to all terrestrial mammals, except cattle and pig.
2. "Edible offal" refers to all edible parts, except muscle, fat, liver, and kidney.
3. "Other poultry animals" refers to all poultry, except chicken.