

THIS REPORT CONTAINS ASSESSMENTS OF COMMODITY AND TRADE ISSUES MADE BY USDA STAFF AND NOT NECESSARILY STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY

Voluntary - Public

Date: 9/14/2018 GAIN Report Number: JA8070

Japan

Post: Tokyo

Notifies WTO of Revised Chinomethionat Residue Standards

Report Categories:

Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

Approved By:
Jess K. Paulson
Prepared By:
Tomohiro Kurai

Report Highlights:

On September 10, 2018, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the pesticide Chinomethionat via <u>G/SPS/N/JPN/597</u>. The public comment period for the draft will close on November 09, 2018. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (<u>us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov</u>). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by October 26, 2018.

Keyword: JA8070, WTO, Chinomethionat

General Information:

On September 10, 2018, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the pesticide Chinomethionat via G/SPS/N/JPN/597. The public comment period for the draft will close on November 09, 2018. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by October 26, 2018.

The following are Japan's proposed MRLs for Chinomethionat.

Chinomethionat

Commodity		MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Tomato	0	2	0.5
Pimiento (sweet pepper)	0	3	1
Egg plant	0	0.6	0.5
Cucumber (including gherkin)		0.5	0.5
Pumpkin (including squash)	•	0.05	0.5
Water melon	0	0.05	0.02
Melons	•	0.05	0.1
Makuwauri melon	•	0.05	0.1
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables ¹		0.5	0.5
Okra	0	0.7	0.5
Other vegetables ²		0.5	0.5
Unshu orange, pulp		0.1	0.1
Citrus natsudaidai, whole		0.7	0.7
Lemon		0.7	0.7
Orange (including navel orange)		0.7	0.7
Grapefruit		0.7	0.7
Lime		0.7	0.7
Other citrus fruits ³		0.7	0.7
Apple		0.5	0.5
Japanese pear	•		0.5
Pear	•		0.5
Quince	•		0.5
Loquat	•		0.5
Peach	•		0.5
Nectarine	•		0.5
Apricot	•		0.5
Japanese plum (including prune)	•		0.5
Mume plum	•		0.5
Cherry	•		0.5
Strawberry		0.5	0.5
Japanese persimmon		0.05	0.05
Other spices ⁴		5	5
Other herbs ⁵		0.2	0.2

^{• :} Commodities for which MRLs are to be lowered or deleted.

Note: The residue definition is chinomethionat only.

O: 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.

- "Other cucurbitaceous vegetables" refers to all cucurbitaceous vegetables, except cucumber (including gherkin), pumpkin (including squash), oriental pickling melon (vegetable), watermelon, melons, and makuwauri melon.
- 2. "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.
- "Other citrus fruits" refers to all citrus fruits, except unshu orange (pulp), citrus natsudaidai (pulp), citrus natsudaidai (peel), citrus natsudaidai (whole), lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime, and spices.
- 4. "Other spices" refers to all spices, except horseradish, wasabi (Japanese horseradish) rhizomes, garlic, peppers chili, paprika, ginger, lemon peels, orange peels (including navel orange), yuzu (Chinese citron) peels and sesame seeds.
- 5. "Other herbs" refers to all herbs, except watercress, nira, parsley stems and leaves, celery stems and leaves.