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Report Highlights:

On April 25, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the veterinary drug, Mono,bis (trimethylammoniummethylene chloride)-alkyltoluene, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/636](#). The public comment period for the draft will close on June 24, 2019. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by June 17, 2019.

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General Information:

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(The following is taken from Japan's notification)

Annex 1 – Japan's Revised MRL for Mono,bis (trimethylammoniummethylene chloride)-alkyltoluene

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Cattle, muscle	1	1
Pig, muscle	1	1
Cattle, fat	1	1
Pig, fat	1	1
Cattle, liver	2	2
Pig, liver	2	2
Cattle, kidney	1	1
Pig, kidney	1	1
Cattle, edible offal ¹	2	2
Pig, edible offal	2	2
Milk	● 0.1	1
Chicken, muscle	1	1
Chicken, fat	1	1
Chicken, liver	2	2
Chicken, kidney	1	1
Chicken, edible offal	2	2
Chicken eggs	1	1

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

* 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 for milk is sum of mono (trimethylammoniummethylene chloride)-alkyl (C₁₁H₂₃) toluene, mono (trimethylammoniummethylene chloride)-alkyl (C₁₂H₂₅) toluene, mono (trimethylammoniummethylene chloride)-alkyl (C₁₃H₂₇) toluene and bis (trimethylammoniummethylene chloride)-alkyl (C₁₂H₂₅) toluene. For animal products except for milk, mono, bis (trimethylammoniummethylene chloride)-alkyltoluene only. The current residue definition is mono, bis (trimethylammoniummethylene chloride)-alkyltoluene only.

1. "Edible offal" refers to all edible parts, except muscle, fat, liver and kidney.