

Overview of Revisions to the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Plants

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I. Objective for revisions

To reflect current practice in the production of organic agricultural products and the international standard.

II. Major points of revisions

(Article 4)

- i) To enable to use rice bran and wheat bran which comply with the criteria prescribed in “by-products of food & textile industries of plant, animal and fish origin” listed in Attached Table 1 in case of difficulty obtaining substances complying with the criteria prescribed in “Cultivation management in cultivation sites” established in “Japanese Agricultural Standard for Organic Plants” for fungi cultivated on mushroom bed.
- ii) To prohibit the use of artificial light for producing fungi.

(Attached table 1)

To add oil cake as permitted substances for soil fertilising and conditioning.

(Attached table 2)

To add hypochlorous acid water as permitted substances for plant pest and disease control.

(Attached table 4)

To add extract from geranium and citronella as permitted substances for chemical agents.

(Attached table 5)

To add beeswax as permitted substances for preparation.

III. Document subject to revisions

The document below is subject to revisions, which is provided by The Law Concerning Standardization, etc. of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Law No.175 of 1950):

- Japanese agricultural standards for Organic Plants(Notification No.1605 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of 27 December 2005)