

## **Amendment to the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc.**

The government of Japan will revise the current specifications and standards for use of Azoxystrobin.

### **Background**

Under Article 12 of the Food Sanitation Law (Act No. 233, 1947) (hereinafter referred to as “the Law”), food additives shall not be used or marketed without authorization by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (hereinafter referred to as “the Minister”). In addition, when specifications or standards are established for food additives based on Article 13 of the Law and stipulated in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Notification (Ministry of Health and Welfare Notification No. 370, 1959), those additives shall not be used or marketed unless they meet the standards or specifications.

In response to a request from the Minister, the Committee on Food Additives of the Food Sanitation Council that is established under the Pharmaceutical Affairs and Food Sanitation Council has discussed whether the existing specifications and standards for Azoxystrobin should be revised. The conclusion of the committee is outlined below.

### **Outline of conclusion**

The Minister should revise the existing specifications and standards for use of Azoxystrobin, based on Article 13. (see Attachment).

## Attachment

### Azoxystrobin

The standards for use of Azoxystrobin will be revised as follows:

#### **Current regulations**

Azoxystrobin is permitted only for use on citrus fruits (excluding *unshū* oranges).

It shall not remain at levels exceeding 0.010 g/kg in citrus fruits (excluding *unshū* oranges) as azoxystrobin.

#### **Revised regulations**

Azoxystrobin is permitted only for use on citrus fruits (excluding *unshū* oranges) and potatoes.

It shall not remain at levels exceeding 0.010 g/kg in citrus fruits (excluding *unshū* oranges) and at 0.007 g/kg in potatoes as azoxystrobin.

The compositional specifications of Azoxystrobin will be revised as follows:

#### **Current regulations**

Methyl(*E*)-2-{2-[6-(2-cyanophenoxy)pyrimidin-4-yloxy]phenyl}-3-methoxyacrylate

#### **Revised regulations**

Methyl (*E*)-2-({2-[6-(2-cyanophenoxy)pyrimidin-4-yl]oxy} phenyl)-3-methoxyacrylate