

Revision of the specifications for mineral waters

The government of Japan will revise specifications for Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate in mineral waters.

Background

Under Article 13, paragraph (2) of the Food Sanitation Act (Act No. 233 of 1947; “the Act”), Japan prohibits the sale of foods and food additives for which specifications or standards are stipulated in the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. (Public Notice of the Ministry of Health and Welfare No. 370, 1959; “the Public Notice”) pursuant to paragraph (1) of the same article of the Act when the foods or the food additives do not meet the specifications or the standards.

The specifications and standards for mineral waters stipulated in the Public Notice have been successively reviewed based on the assessment of health effects of food by the risk assessment body, the Food Safety Commission of Japan under the Cabinet Office (“the FSCJ”), considering consistency with the water quality standards stipulated in Japan’s Water Supply Act and international standards such as Codex. This time, Japan will revise the specifications for Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate in mineral waters as below based on the assessment report from the FSCJ.

Outline of revision

Compositional specifications for mineral waters (sterilized or filter sterilized)

(mg/l)

Substance name	Maximum level (current)	Maximum level (draft)
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	Not established	<u>0.07</u>

Note: The underlined part is the revised level (draft).