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Report Highlights:

Japan invited foreign Embassies to comment on establishment of maximum residue limits for an insecticide, tolfenpyrad, and a fungicide, cyazofamid. The deadline for submitting these comments is October 29, 2004. This proposal will be open for comments again when it is submitted to the WTO.

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On October 15, 2004, the Ministry of Labor, Health and Welfare (MHLW) invited foreign Embassies in Tokyo to comment on the establishment of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for an insecticide, tolfenpyrad, and a fungicide, cyazofamid, as shown in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2, respectively. Foreign governments have until October 29, 2004 to comment.

The MRLs are NOT a part of the new provisional MRLs MHLW is drafting (See GAIN Report JA3071, JA4051 and JA4067). MHLW will open the proposal for comments from a wider audience and notify the WTO SPS Committee before final review and adoption.

All interested parties are encouraged to send their comments, well before the deadline, for consideration by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. The office responsible for the comments is:

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Attachment 1. List of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods (draft)		
(Newly Establishment)		
Tolfenpyrad (insecticide)		
	MRL	
Commodity	(draft)	
	ppm	
Japanese radish (including Radish)(root)		0.2
Japanese radish (including Radish)(leaf)		10
Turnip (including Rutabaga)(root)		1
Turnip (including Rutabaga)(leaf)		25
Chinese cabbage		0.5
Cabbage		0.3
Broccoli		1
Lettuce (Cos lettuce, Leaf lettuce)		5
Welsh (including Leek)		5
Tomato		2
Egg plant		2
Cucumber (including Gherkin)		1
Water melon		0.05
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables		2
UNSHU orange		0.1
NATSUDAIDAI (whole)		3
Lemon		3
Orange (including Navel)		3
Grapefruit		3
Lime		3
Other citrus fruits		3
Japanese pear		2
Pear		2
Peach		0.2
Tea (Green, Black, Oolong, Wulong tea)		15

Attachment 2. List of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods (draft)		
(Newly Establishment)		
Cyazofamid (Fungicide)		
	MRL	
Commodity	(draft)	
	ppm	
Wheat		0.05
Potato		0.05
Chinese cabbage		0.7
Cabbage		0.05
KOMATSUNA		15
Onion		0.05
Tomato		2
Pimento (Sweet pepper)		1
Egg plant		2
Other solanceous vegetables		1
Cucumber (including Gherkin)		0.7
Pumpkin (including Squash)		2
Oriental pic kling melon (vegetable)		2
Water melon		0.05
Melons		0.05
Spinach		25
Strawberry		10
Grape		10
Other fruits		10