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Japan Notifies Proposal to Revoke 10 Food Additives

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Report Highlights:

On March 6, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of a proposal to revoke the designation of 10 existing food additives via [G/SPS/N/JPN/621](#). The public comment period for the draft will close on August 27, 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 August 13, 2019.

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General Information:

On March 6, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of a proposal to revoke the designation of 10 existing food additives via [G/SPS/N/JPN/621](#). In the notification, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), the regulatory agency responsible for food safety in Japan, explains that it will revoke the designation of these 10 food additives (shown in Annex 1 below) as they are no longer distributed in Japan. These 10 food additives will be prohibited for use after the revocation enters into force on February 27, 2020.

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Annex 1 - List of Existing Food Additives To Be Withdrawn

| No. | Substance Name (Japanese in parenthesis) | No. (in the List of Existing Food Additives) |
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| 1 | Itaconic acid (イタコン酸) | 29 |
| 2 | Fish scale foil (魚鱗箔) A substance that is obtained by extraction from the epithelium of fish | 87 |
| 3 | Kooroo colour [Matsudai colour] (クーロー色素) A substance that is obtained by extraction from the roots of <i>somemono-imo</i> (<i>Dioscorea matsudai</i> HAYATA) | 114 |
| 4 | Spice extracts (香辛料抽出物) Substances that are obtained by extraction or steam-distillation from chervil | 122 |
| 5 | Bone carbon black (骨炭色素) A substance that is obtained by carbonizing bones and consists mainly of carbon | 135 |
| 6 | Sesami straw ash extarct (ゴマ柄灰抽出物) A substance that is obtained by extraction from the ashes of sesami stems or leaves | 137 |
| 7 | Shea nut colour (シアナット色素) A substance that is obtained by extraction from the fruits or seed coats of shea | 149 |
| 8 | Ferritin (フェリチン) | 263 |
| 9 | Hego-ginkgo leaf extract (ヘゴ・イチョウ抽出物) A substance that is obtained by extraction from the leaves of ginkgo and hego (<i>Cyathea boninsimensis</i> COPEL) | 287 |
| 10 | Levan (レバン) A substance that is obtained from the culture fluid of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> bacteria and consists mainly of polysaccharides | 359 |