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Japan Notifies WTO of Revised Monepantel Residue Standards

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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

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(The following is taken from Japan's notification)

Annex 1 – Japan's Revised MRL for Monepantel

Commodity	MRL (renewed) ppm	MRL (previous) ppm
Cattle, muscle	○ 0.3	
Other terrestrial mammals ¹ , muscle	0.7	0.7
Cattle, fat	○ 7	
Other terrestrial mammals, fat	○ 13	7
Cattle, liver	○ 2	
Other terrestrial mammals, liver	○ 7	5
Cattle, kidney	○ 1	
Other terrestrial mammals, kidney	2	2
Cattle, edible offal ²	○ 2	
Other terrestrial mammals, edible offal	○ 7	5

○ : Commodities for which MRLs are increased. These MRLs have taken effect on 22/01/2019.

* The uniform limit 0.01 ppm is applied to commodities for which renewed MRLs are not given in this table and to commodities not listed above.

The residue definition is monepantel sulfone only.

The renewed MRLs and the previous MRLs are expressed as monepantel sulfone.

1. "Other terrestrial mammals" refers to all terrestrial mammals, except cattle and pig.

2. "Edible offal" refers to all edible parts, except muscle, fat, liver, and kidney.