

Agenda 3 List of Food Additives that are expected to be withdrawn

Purpose and background

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) is going to withdraw some food additives from the List of Existing Food Additives.¹ This activity targets food additives that have been found to be no longer distributed in Japan.

Article 2-3 of the Supplementary Provisions of Law No.101 of 1995 (Law to Partially Revise the Food Sanitation Law and Nutrition Improvement Law²) authorizes the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare to withdraw food additives from the List of Existing Food Additives (Ministry of Health and Welfare Announcement No. 120, 1996) if the Minister determines that these food additives, or preparations or foods containing them are no longer marketed, judging from the situation of the sale, manufacturing, import, processing, use, storage, and display of the substances. Prior to the withdrawal, the Minister must publish a list of food additives that are expected to be withdrawn to seek public comments. According to the provision, so far 70 additives were withdrawn.

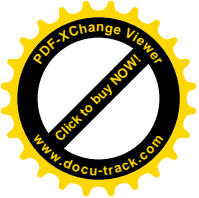
On May 18, 2010 the MHLW newly published a list of food additives that are expected to be withdrawn. After a six-month comment period, the MHLW modified the list and reported to the Committee on Food Additives of the Food Sanitation Council. The committee report is outlined below.

Outline of report

On May 18, 2010 a list of 80 food additives to be withdrawn was published. A six-month period to request its modification was provided. During that period, notification was filed with the WTO. In light of requests received, 25 of the 80 additives were removed from the list because they were found to be still distributed in Japan. Their additive status will continue to be kept. Finally, 55 additives are left in the list (see Attachment). However, two substances—Sphingolipid and Tannin (extract)—will not actually be withdrawn from the List of Existing Food Additives. For the two, plural origin animals and plants are registered and the target for withdrawal is limited to

¹ “Existing food additives” refer to non-synthetic food additives that were marketed or used on the date of the amendment of the Food Sanitation Law (May 24, 1995) and that appear in the List of Existing Food Additives.

² The Nutrition Improvement Law is the present Health Promotion Law.



those derived from certain origins—Sphingolipid from bovine brain and Tanning (extract) from chestnut astringent skins and tamarind seed coats.

Please note that once substances are withdrawn from the List of Existing Food Additives, the use of them as food additives is prohibited except when they are used as ingredients of food commodities, such as health foods—mainly foods claimed to be especially beneficial to health.

➤ Future work

The 55 substances will be withdrawn by about May 2011.

Timeline

May 18, 2010 Published the list of food additives to be withdrawn.



◆ Six-month legal comment period including WTO notification

November 17, 2010 Closed the comment period.



◆ Examined the comments filed.

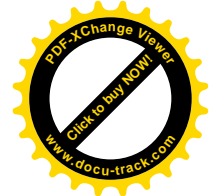
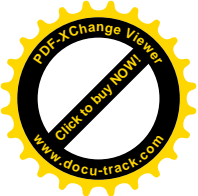
No later than May 18 2011 The List of Existing Food Additives to be revised and enforced.



List of Food Additives To Be Withdrawn



No	Substance No.	名称	Substance Name	Remarks
1	011	N-アセチルグルコサミン	N-Acetylglucosamine	
2	024	アラビノガラクトサン	Arabino galactan	
3	023	アルカネット色素	Alkanet colour	
4	028	アロエベラ抽出物	Aloe vera extract	
5	037	イモカロテン	Sweet potato carotene	
6	044	エゴノキ抽出物	Japanese styrax benzoin extract	
7	046	エラグ酸	Ellagic acid	
8	049	オキアミ色素	Krill colour	
9	052	オリゴ-N-アセチルグルコサミン	Oligo-N-acetylglucosamine	
10	054	オリゴグルコサミン	Oligoglucosamine	
11	061	カカオ炭末色素	Cacao carbon black	
12	065	ガストリックムチン	Gastric mucin	
13	070	カテキン	atechin	
14	072	カニ色素	Crayfish colour	
15	094	キダチアロエ抽出物	Aloe extract	
16	400	キハダ抽出物	Phellodendron bark extract	
17	413	グッタハンカン	Gutta peroha	
18	116	グリーンタフ	Green tuff	
19	133	クワ抽出物	Mulberry bark extract	
20	136	ゲンチアナ抽出物	Gentian root extract	
21	140	酵素処理カンゾウ	Enzymatically modified licorice extract	
22	141	酵素処理チャ抽出物	Enzymatically modified tea extract	
23	147	酵素分解ハトムギ抽出物	Enzymatically hydrolyzed coix extract	
24	155	コーパル樹脂	Copal resin	
25	156	コバルト	Cobalt	
26	460	ゴム分解樹脂	Resin of depolymerized natural rubber	
27	462	コメヌカ酵素分解物	Enzymatically decomposed rice bran	
28	165	ササ色素	Bamboo grass colour	
29	466	サトウキビロウ	Cane wax	
30	171	サンダラック樹脂	Sandarac resin	
31	180	シコン色素	Shikon colour [Lithospermum root colour]	
32	485	ジャマイカカッシア抽出物	Jamaica quassia extract	
33	487	焼成カルシウム	Calcinated calcium	Only products from sea urehins shells
34	193	スクレロガム	Sclero gum [Scleroglucan]	
35	197	スフィンゴ脂質	Sphingolipid	Only products from bovine brains
36	203	セサモリン	Sesamolin	
37	205	セスバニアガム	Sesbania gum	
38	242	ソルバ	Sorva [Leche caspi]	
39	243	ソルビンハ	Sorvinha	
40	214	L-ソルボース	L-Sorbose	
41	226	タンニン(抽出物)	Tannin(extract)	Only products from chestnut astringent skins or tamarind seed coats
42	227	ダンマル樹脂	Dammar resin	
43	231	チャ種子サポニン	Tea seed saponin	
44	233	チルテ	Chilte	
45	235	ツヌー	Tunu	
46	238	低分子ゴム	Depolymerized natural rubber	
47	244	電気石	Tourmaline	
48	248	動物性ステロール	Cholesterol	
49	249	ドクダミ抽出物	Dokudami extract	
50	258	トリアシルグリセロールリパーゼ	Triacylglycerol lipase	
51	268	ニガキ抽出物	Quassia extract	
52	269	ニガ—グッタ	Niger gutta	
53	270	ニガヨモギ抽出物	Absinth extract	
54	271	ニストース	Nystose	
55	273	ニューコウ	Olibanum	



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5 6	275	ニンニク抽出物	Garlic extract	
5 7	281	パフィア抽出物	Paffia extract	
5 8	288	ヒキオコシ抽出物	Isodonis extract	
5 9	295	ヒメマツタケ抽出物	Himematsutake extract	
6 0	296	ピメント抽出物	Pimento extract	
6 1	331	ヘスペレチン	Hesperetin	
6 2	335	ベニノキ末色素	Powdered annatto	
6 3	338	ベネズエラチクル	Venezuelan chicle	
6 4	339	ペパー抽出物	Pepper extract	
6 5	348	ハウセンカ抽出物	Garden balsam extract	
6 6	349	ホコッシ抽出物	Hokosshi extract	
6 7	359	マッサランドバチョコレート	Massaranduba chocolate	
6 8	360	マッサランドババラタ	Massaranduba balata	
6 9	372	メチルチオアデノシン	Methylthioadenosine	
7 0	377	モウソウチク炭抽出物	Mousouchiku charcoal extract	
7 1	385	モリン	Morin	
7 2	386	モンタンロウ	Montan wax	
7 3	388	油煙色素	Vegetable oil soot colour	
7 4	389	ユーカリ葉抽出物	Eucalyptus leaf extract	
7 5	405	リンターセルローズ	Lintar cellulose	
7 6	410	レッチュデバカ	Leche de vaca	
7 7	411	レバン	Levan	
7 8	412	レモン果皮抽出物	Lemon peel extract	
7 9	416	ロシディンハ	Residinha	
8 0	419	ワサビ抽出物	Wasabi extract	