

Regarding setting of standard office processing period related to establishment of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals

Regarding pesticides remaining in foods. The Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare response to the request of establishment MRLs for agricultural chemicals from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and request of establish based on "Guideline for Application for establishment and revision of MRLs for agricultural chemicals used outside Japan" (Shoku-An No. 0205001, February 5, 2004). Based on the results of food health assessment by the Cabinet Office's Food Safety Committee, after conducting deliberations by the Pharmaceutical Affairs and Food Sanitation Council, etc., the residual standards are set or revised according to Article 11 paragraph 1 of the Food Sanitation Law.

Now, we establish and operate the period of standard office processing provided in the Annex, regarding procedure of establishment of MRLs for agricultural chemicals based on the request, so please be thoroughly informed of this and advise all parties concerned accordingly.