2.8 JAPAN

(non-membership of APPPC)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

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Overall Executive Summary

Japan continues to improve its plant protection systems in conformity with the International Plant Protection Convention, the WTO SPS Agreement and relevant international standards on phytosanitary measures since the 25th session of the APPPC.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) is mainly responsible for plant protection and plant quarantine services to control and prevent the introduction of pests of plants and plant products. The Plant Protection Station (PPS) of MAFF is responsible for implementation of import/export inspections and supervision of disinfestation treatment. The PPS of Japan consisted of five head offices, 15 substations, 53 branches, three detached offices and one plant inspector's office and 865 plant quarantine officers who are authorized by the NPPO to implement appropriate inspection/certification.

MAFF is working closely with pest control stations run by prefectural governments to conduct monitoring surveys to detect infiltrating pests at an early stage, and engage in emergency eradication, where necessary. Domestic certification systems are under operation for seed potatoes and major fruit tree seedlings and regulating the movement of plant from outbreaking area to non outbreaking area.

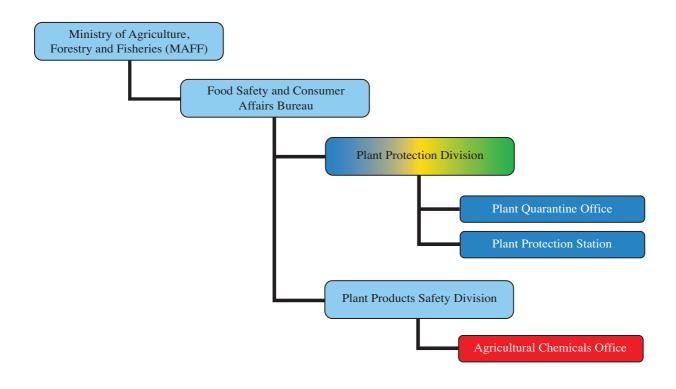
MAFF provided the specific guidelines for the crop of rice, cabbage, citrus, soybean, tomato, strawberry, pear, apple, tea, chrysanthemum and sugarcane to facilitate implementation of IPM for individual farmers.

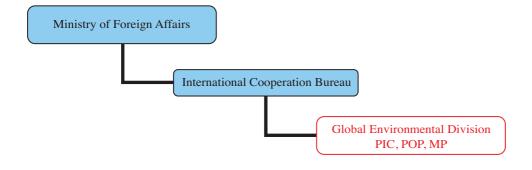
Agricultural chemical products shall be registered by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries according to the Agricultural Chemical Regulation Law, if they are manufactured, imported and distributed in Japan.

The risk assessment and its management of the products have been conducted in terms of product's quality, human health and environmental effects by the Food Agricultural Material Inspection Center (FAMIC), the Food Safety Commission (FSC), the Ministry of Health, the Labor and Welfare (MHLW), the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and MAFF.

The training course on disinfestation technique using thermal treatment on fruit fly has been organized since 1988 with trainees being invited from countries which are affected by fruit fly. As a multilateral contribution, Japan financially supported through a trust fund a field project on phytosanitary capacity-building, targeting 10 countries. The project was implemented by the FAO.

Plant Protection Organization Chart





Phytosanitation Outbreak Management Pest Management Pesticides NPPO

Important Contact Addresses

Responsible Ministry/Ministries

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Official International Contact Points

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Language(s): English

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Selected Country Statistics:

Agricultural Population	2.9 million	Agricultural Land	4.6 million ha
GDP US\$ JPY	Agric. GDP: 0.9%	GNI per capita: US\$35 204	Undernourishment: xx%
510 924 700 million			
Main crops grown:			
Rice (8 815 000 ton [2008])			

GDP = Gross Domestic Product; GNI = Gross National Income; Undernourishment = Population below minimum energy requirement

II. PLANT QUARANTINE

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List of Key Legislation/Regulations/Rules

(year, title and possibly short description)

• Plant Protection Law

• Order for Enforcement of Plant Protection Law

Web source for further information: http://www.maff.go.jp/pps/

(regarding plant quarantine)	Yes	No
Does phytosanitary legislation cover domestic quarantine?	X	
Does phytosanitary legislation cover import quarantine?	X	
Does phytosanitary legislation cover export quarantine?	X	
Does phytosanitary legislation cover living modified organisms?		X
Is plant quarantine a separate organization from animal quarantine?	X	
Other policy initiatives (under review/progress)		
Web source for further information: See the above web source		

Organization of Plant Quarantine Functions	Responsible Organizational Unit (Ministry/Department/Unit)	
Pest Risk Assessment	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs	
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
National standards development	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs	
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
International notifications	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs	
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
Import permits	Plant Protection Station, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and	
	Fisheries	
Import inspections	Plant Protection Station, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and	
	Fisheries	
Emergency action	Plant Protection Station, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and	
	Fisheries	
Phytosanitary certificates	Plant Protection Station, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and	
	Fisheries	
Treatment of commodities	Plant Protection Station, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and	
	Fisheries	

Infrastructure	Years: 2007-2008
Number of plant quarantine officers authorized to inspect/certify	859/865
Total qualified personnel for plant pest risk assessment	8/8
Number of quarantine offices	77/77
entry points (sea/air/land/mail = total)	105/39/0/8 = 152(2007)
	105/39/0/8 = 152(2008)
post-entry plant quarantine containment facilities	4/5
other offices	1/1
Number of quarantine service diagnosis laboratories	2/2
In-country recognized pest diagnostics capabilities (incl. universities, etc.)	
Number of laboratories for insect/mite (arthropod) samples	77/77
Number of laboratories for bacteria samples	77/77
Number of laboratories for virus samples	77/77
Number of laboratories for fungus samples	77/77
Number of laboratories for mycoplasma samples	77/77
Number of laboratories for nematode samples	77/77
Number of laboratories for plant/weed samples	77/77
Number of laboratories for other pests (snail, slug, rodents, etc.)	77/77

Pest Free Areas	Responsible Organizational Unit		
According to ISPM 10	(Ministry/Department/Unit)		
Overall management	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs		
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		
surveillance	Plant Protection Division, Food Sa	-	
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, F	-	
management	Plant Protection Division, Food Sa	- 1	
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, F	-	
certification	Plant Protection Division, Food Sa		
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, F		
List of target pest species and crops I	SPM 4	Number of sites in 2008	
Omphisa anastomosalis		All area except South western	
		Islands in south of latitude	
		30 degree north	
Euscepes postfasciatus		All area except South western	
		Islands in south of latitude	
		28 degree 40 minutes north	
		and Ogasawara Islands	
Cylas formicarius Omphisa anastomosalis		All area except South western	
		Islands in south of latitude	
		30 degree north and	
		Ogasawara Islands	
Citrus greening disease Euscepes pos	tfasciatus	All area except south western	
		Islands in south of latitude	
		27 degree 10 minutes north	
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List of target pest species and crops I	SPM 10	Number of sites in 2008	
		[number]	

Key Situation Indicators

International Trade		Year: 2007
Main Import Plant Commodities	Main countries/areas of origin	Quantity (tons)
Soybean	USA	3 308 834 [2007]
Wheat	USA	3 175 597 [2007]
Rapeseed	Canada	1 943 371 [2007]
Main Export Plant Commodities	Main destination countries	
wheat flour	Socialist Republic of Viet Nam	15 397 [2007]
Apple	Taiwan	24 295 [2007]
Pear (cutting)	Taiwan	10 451 [2007]

Cooperation Projects			
Title (Purpose/Target)	Donor	Amount	Years (start-end)
Thermal treatment for the disinfestation	JICA (Japan		[1988-]
of fruit flies	International		
Target country: developing	Cooperation		
countries where fruit flies are present	Agency)		
(5 trainees [2007], 5 trainees [2008])			
Improvement of plant quarantine	JICA (Japan		[2005-2007]
treatment technique against fruit flies	International		
on fresh fruits	Cooperation		
Target country: Viet Nam	Agency)		
Title of government follow-up programmes		Amount	Years (start-end)

Key Operation Indicators

Institutional Functions	Year: 2007
Number of import permits issued	
Number of import inspections carried out	732 221
Number of emergency phytosanitary treatments taken on imports	0
Number notifications of non-compliance	455
Number of conventional phytosanitary certificates issued	19 576
Number of electronic phytosanitary certificates issued	0

Number of quarantine pests intercepted		Year: 2007
Top three commodity	Top three pest/commodity	# of interceptions
Banana	Pseudococcidae spp.	4 274
	Diaspididae spp.	3 112
	Aphididae spp.	272
Pineapple	Pseudococcidae spp.	2 517
	Diaspididae spp.	1 534
	Tetranychus spp.	2 519
	Aphididae spp.	135
	Frankliniella spp.	52

Lists of Regulated Pests	Year of last update	Insects	Pathogens	Plants
Number of non-quarantine pests	2008	148 species	5 genus +	
			5 genus + 16 species	
Number of regulated non-quarantine pests				
Number of regulated import articles				
Website for the above information: –				

Pest Risk Analysis	Insects	Pathogens	Plants
No. of PRA completed and documented (according to ISPM)	265	87	0
Web source for further information: –			

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Main Progress in Recent Years (legislation, policies, infrastructure, investments, training, etc.)
Main Constraints (personnel, infrastructure, administrative, operational, training, etc.)

Implementation of ISPM	R	Relevance		Implementation			Planned/Actual	
International Measures	low	medium	high	none	partial	most	full	Year of full implementation
ISPM 01 Principles of plant quarantine as related to international trade			х			х		
ISPM 02 Guidelines for pest risk analysis			X				X	
ISPM 03 Guidelines for the export, shipment, import and release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms		х				х		
ISPM 04 Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas			Х				Х	
ISPM 05 Glossary of phytosanitary terms			X				X	
ISPM 06 Guidelines for surveillance			X				X	
ISPM 07 Export certification system			X				X	
ISPM 08 Determination of pest status in an area			X				X	
ISPM 09 Guidelines for pest eradication programmes			X				X	
ISPM 10 Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites			Х				Х	
ISPM 11 Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests		X				X		
ISPM 12 Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates			X				X	
ISPM 13 Guidelines for the notification of noncompliance and emergency action			X				Х	
ISPM 14 The use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management			X				X	
ISPM 15 Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade			X				X	
ISPM 16 Regulated non-quarantine pests: concept and application		X				X		
ISPM 17 Pest reporting			X			Х		
ISPM 18 Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure		х						
ISPM 19 Guidelines on lists of regulated pests		Х				Х		
ISPM 20 Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system			Х			Х		
ISPM 21 Pest risk analysis for regulated non-quarantine pests		х				Х		
ISPM 22 Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence			Х				Х	
ISPM 23 Guidelines for inspection			X				X	
ISPM 24 Guidelines for the determination and recognition of equivalence of phytosanitary measures			Х				х	
ISPM 25 Consignments in transit			X			Х		
ISPM 26 Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)			Х				Х	
ISPM 27 Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests			X				X	
ISPM 28 Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests			X				X	
ISPM 29 Recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence			X				х	
ISPM 30 Establishment of areas of low pest prevalence for fruit flies (Tephritidae)			Х				Х	
ISPM 31 Methodologies for sampling of consignments	s		X				х	
Comments/Constraints								

III. SURVEILLANCE, PEST OUTBREAKS AND INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

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List of Key Legislation/Regulations/Rules for surveillance, pest reporting and emergency

(year, title and possibly short description)

• Plant Protection Law

• Order for Enforcement of Plant Protection Law

Web source for further information: http://www.maff.go.jp/pps/

(regarding invasive/migratory species management)	Yes	No
National strategy to control serious field pest outbreaks?		
National strategy to control migratory or periodically occurring pests?	X	
National strategy to eradicate serious newly invaded exotic pests?		
Other policies: (e.g. subsidies, etc.)		
Web source for further information: See the above web source		

Organization of Outbreak	Responsible Organizational Unit		
Management Functions	(Ministry/Department/Unit)		
Field/Storage Pest Outbreaks	(e.g. BPH, boll worm, etc.)		
Response strategy/plans	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs		
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		
Surveillance	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs		
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		
Control	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs		
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		
Migratory Pest Outbreaks	(e.g. locusts, birds, armyworm)		
Response strategy/plans	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs		
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		
Surveillance	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs		
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		
Control	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs		
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		
New Exotic Pest Eradication	(e.g. coconut beetle)		
Response strategy/plans	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the		
	Environment		
Surveillance	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the		
	Environment		
Control/eradication	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the		
	Environment		
Reporting to bilateral or	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs		
international organizations	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		

Infrastructure	Year: 20	07
Number of designated staff for surveillance of field pests of national	Prefecture	3 637
importance	Government	900
	Total	4 537
Number of designated staff for surveillance of migratory and	Prefecture	3 637
periodically occurring pests	Government	900
	Total	4 537
Number of designated staff for surveillance of invasive species		
Number of designated staff for control of field pests of national importance		
Number of designated staff for control of migratory and periodically		
occurring pests		
Number of designated staff for eradication of invasive species		

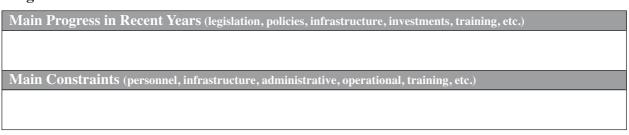
Key Situation and Operation Indicators

(Outbreaks and invasions in the past 2 years)

New exotic species found established in country	Insects	Pathogens	Weeds
Total number for year 2007:			
Total number for year 2008:			
Total number on record			

Eradication or internal quarantine actions taken against economically important species			
Name of species	Erwinia Sp.		
Year of first discovery	2007		
Passway	Unknown		
Location of first discovery	Yamagata Prefecture		
Area affected [ha]	0.5		
Area treated [ha]	0.5		
Control method	Cut down and		
	incinerated of		
	diseased tree &		
	contained of orchard		
Expenditures	81 102		

Pest outbreak actions	Outbreak 1	Outbreak 2	Outbreak 3
Name of species			
Year of outbreak			
Area affected [ha]			
Estimated damage US\$			
Area treated by government [ha]			
Expenditures by government [US\$]			
Control method			
More information			



IV. PEST MANAGEMENT

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List of Key Legislation/Regulations/Rules for Pest Management

(year, title and possibly short description)

• Plant Protection Law

• Order for Enforcement of Plant Protection Law

Web source for further information: http://www.maff.go.jp/pps/

(regarding pest management)	Yes	No
Do you have policies encouraging organic or low-pesticide use production	X	
Is IPM specifically mentioned in laws or policy documents?	X	
Do you have official Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) or any other relevant		v
food safety (ecofood, etc.) standards for pest management?		X
Is pest management extension separate from general extension?		
Other policies: (subsidies, production inputs, etc.)		
Web source for further information: See the above web source		

Organization of Plant	Responsible Organizational Unit	
Protection Functions	(Ministry/Department/Unit)	
Policy development	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs	
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
Pest management research	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council, Ministry	
	of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
Control recommendations	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs	
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
Pest management extension	Technology and Extension Division, Agricultural Production	
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
IPM training	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs	
	Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	

Infrastructure	Year: 20	007
Number of technical officers for pest management	Prefecture	3 637
	Government	900
	Total	4 537
Number of central, regional, provincial or state offices	Central	: 1
	Regiona	1: 8
	Prefecture	e: 51
Number of district and village level field offices		
Number of field/extension agents for pest management advice		
Number of field/extension agents trained in IPM-FFS facilitation		
Number of government biocontrol production/distribution facilities		
Number of government biopesticide production/distribution facilities		
Number of general extension staff involved in pest management	8 244	
Number of designated plant protection technical officers for extension		

Key Situation and Operation Indicators

Pest Management	Yes	No
Does the country have a National IPM Programme?		
If yes, give Name and Address of IPM Programme:		
Guidelines for implementation of IPM		
Does the country have specific IPM extension programmes?	v	
If yes, in which crops?: Eight major crops e.g. Apple and indoor grown tomato	X	
Does the country have specific IPM research programmes?		
If yes, in which crops?:		
Soybean, potato, tomato, strawberry, cabbage, pear, citrus, apple and tea		
Does the country have specific GAP extension programmes?		**
If yes, in which crops?:		X
Does the country have specific GAP research programmes?		
If yes, in which crops?:		X

Market shares (estimated value, volume or area under control)	Year: 2007
Size of chemical pest control market	[number, %]
Size of biopesticides market	
Size of biological control agents market	

Major pest control requiring crops (requiring most pesticide applications)	1^{st}	2 nd	3 rd
Affected crop	Rice [2007]	Rice [2007]	Rice [2007]
Name(s) of pest(s)	Rice bug group	Blast (Ear)	White-backed
			rice planthopper
Estimated crop loss			
Affected area	1 437 000 ha	1 414 000 ha	1 212 000 ha
Number of pesticide applications or			
amount of pesticide used			
Government action taken			

Cooperation Projects			
Purpose/Target	Donor	Amount	Years (start-end)
Purpose/Target of government follow-up progr	ammes	Amount	Years (start-end)

[number]
y implemented:
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Main Progress in Recent Years (legislation, policies, infrastructure, investments, training, etc.)

Progress of the IPM

- IPM investigative commission (2004-)
- Publication of the guidelines on IPM practice (2005-)
- Providing the specific guidelines for rice, cabbage and citrus (2005-)
- Providing the specific guidelines for soybean, tomato, strawberry, pear, apple, tea, chrysanthemum and sugarcane (2008-)
- Granted project

Main Constraints (personnel, infrastructure, administrative, operational, training, etc.)

V. PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT

Last updated: December 2008

List of Key Legislation/Regulations/Rules

- Agricultural Chemicals Regulation Law
- Order for Enforcement of Agricultural Chemicals Regulation Law
- Ordinance for Enforcement of Agricultural Chemicals Regulation Law
- Ministerial ordinance to provide for standard for users of Agricultural Chemicals
- Ministerial ordinance to provide for prohibition of distribution on Agricultural Chemicals
- The above law etc. are available on website of MAFF in Japanese. http://www.maff.go.jp/nouyaku/
- Agricultural Chemicals Regulation Law in English is available on website of Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center (FAMIC), http://www.acis.famic.go.jp/eng/hourei/index.htm

(regarding pesticide management)	Yes*	No
Do you have national pesticide reduction targets?		v
If yes, what is the target:		X
Have you ratified the Rotterdam (PIC) Convention?	X	
Have you ratified the Stockholm (POP) Convention?	X	
Have your ratified the Basel Convention? (hazardous wastes)	X	
Have your ratified the Montreal Protocol? (MeBr phasing-out)	X	
Have you reported the observance of the Code of Conduct to FAO according to Art. 12 of the Code?	X	
Have you adopted Good Laboratory Practices (GLP)?	X	
Pesticide Registration		
Do you require pesticides to conform to relevant FAO or WHO specifications?		X
Do you allow the "me-too" registration and sale of generic pesticides?		X
Do you require data on product equivalence for generic registration?	X	
Do you conduct country-specific risk assessments for		
occupational risks?	X	
consumer risks?	X	
environmental risks?	X	
Have you adopted the Global Harmonized System (GHS) for pesticides hazards evaluation and labelling?		X
Do you accept evaluation results from other countries?		X
Do you accept field studies conducted in other countries?		X
Do you require environmental fate studies?	X	
Incentives/Disincentives		
Do you have a special tax on pesticides to cover externality costs?		X
Do you subsidize or provide low-cost pesticides?		X
Do you subsidize or provide low-cost biopesticides?		X
Other policies:		
Web source for further information: See the above web sources.		

^{*} if yes/no is not appropriate, please insert a note in italics under the question

Organization of Plant Protection Functions	Responsible Organizational Unit (Ministry/Department/Unit)
Legislation	Agricultural Chemicals Office, Plant Products Safety Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, MAFF
Registration	Agricultural Chemicals Office, Plant Products Safety Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, MAFF
Licensing of shops	Prefectural government
Licensing of field applicators	
Enforcement/inspections	Enforcement Agricultural Chemicals Office, Plant Products Safety Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, MAFF Inspections Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center
Testing of pesticide efficacy	
Development of pesticide use recommendations	
Safe use training/extension	
Food residue monitoring	The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Environmental monitoring	The Ministry of the Environment
Health monitoring	
Other Stakeholders:	
Pesticide Industry Association	Japan Crop Protection Association
Civil Society Organizations	

Infrastructure	Year: 2008
Number of registration officers ^a	[14]
Number of enforcement officers ^b	[Around 60]
Number of department quality control laboratories	
Number of quality control laboratory personnel	
Number of department residue analysis laboratories	
Number of residue laboratory personnel	

Agricultural Chemicals Office, Plant Products Safety Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, MAFF Incorporated Administrative Agency – the Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center, Agricultural Chemicals Inspection

Key Situation Indicators

Pesticide Trade: 2007 ^a	Tons (a.i.)	US\$ '000 Value
Imports	18 050	
Export	26 001	
Domestic Use/Sales		
Pesticide sales Profile ^b : 2007 ^a	Tons (a.i.)	US\$ '000 Value
Chem. Insecticides	22 549	
Chem. Fungicides	26 199	
Chem. Herbicides	12 032	
Chem. Others: e.g. molluscicide, acaricide	384	
e.g. Avamectrin, Bt, Neem		

Other purposes		
TOTAL	61 164	

^a Data are counted on Japanese Agricultural Chemicals year ending September. (e.g. 2007 is from 1st October 2006 to 30th September

Post Registration Monitoring

Testing, Quality Control and Effects in the Field	Yes	No
Do you have significant problems with low-quality pesticides in the market?		X
Do you have significant problems with pesticide resistance?		
Do you have a list of pesticides under close observation for problems		X
Source for more information: –	•	

Health and Environmental Information	Yes	No
Do you maintain data on pesticide poisoning cases?	X	
Do you have a system to monitor pesticide residues in food?	X	
Do you have a system to monitor pesticide residues in the environment?	X	
Do you have significant problems of environmental contamination from pesticides?	X	
Do you have data on pesticides effects on wildlife and ecosystems?	X	
Source for more information: –		

Pesticide Disposal	Yes	No
Do you have system to collect and safely dispose of used containers and small	X	
quantities of left-over pesticides?		
Do you have an inventory of outdated and obsolete pesticides in the country?	v	
(e.g. banned and no longer traded, but still in storage)	X	
Do you have illegal trade in pesticides?		v
if yes: what is the estimated amount:		Λ
Source for more information: –		

Key Operation Indicators

	: As of
31st Decer	nber 2008
a.i.*	Trade Name
530	4 340
330	4 340
43	108
2	15
21	
	31 st Decer a.i.* 530 43

^b 1) Data refer to sales of agricultural chemicals in Agricultural Chemicals handbook (Noyaku Yoran). Figures are total A.I.sales amount (t) converted from formulated products with rate of A.I.

²⁾ Data of biopesticides are not provided in this table.

Number of food samples analyzed for pesticide residues during year		
Number of samples exceeding MRL		
Number of environmental samples analyzed for pesticide residues		

^{*} active ingredient

Pesticides Restricted in Recent Years		
Year	Name of active ingredient or hazardous formulation	

Pesticides Banned in Recent Years				
Year	Name of active ingredient			

Cooperation Projects			
Purpose/Target	Donor	Amount	Years (start-end)
Purpose/Target of government follow-up programmes		Amount	Years (start-end)

Main Progress in Recent Years (legislation, policies, infrastructure, investments, training, etc.)
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Main Constraints (personnel, infrastructure, administrative, operational, training, etc.)

VI. ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF INTEREST

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Genetically Modified Crops	
Name of GMO Crop	Area under Cultivation [ha]