

Mechanism That Secures Safety of Genetically Modified Farm Products

Only genetically modified farm products that showed no problem in scientific evaluation based on the following are imported, distributed, and cultivated.

- (1) "Feed Safety Law" and "Food Safety Basic Act" regarding feed safety as feed
- (2) "Food Sanitation Act" and "Food Safety Basic Act" regarding safety as food
- (3) "Cartagena Act" regarding effect on biodiversity

Only (3) applies when the item is used for isolation fields or as flowering plants for ornamental purposes instead of food or feed

Effect on biodiversity
(Cartagena Act)

Application for approval for
isolation field test

MAFF and MOE

Hearing of opinions

Biodiversity Effect Evaluation Study Committee
(Farm Products Subcommittee and
Comprehensive Study Committee)

Risk evaluation of effect on biodiversity

Submission of opinions

MAFF and MOE

Public comment

Publication of approval (notification)

Safety as food

(Food Sanitation Act and Food
Safety Basic Act)

Application for safety
assessment

MHLW

Evaluation request

Food Safety
Commission

- Risk evaluation of safety as food
- Public comment

Evaluation result

MHLW

Publication of the fact that the
procedure for safety assessment
as food is done (notification)

Safety as feed

(Feed Safety Law and Food Safety
Basic Act)

Application for safety check

MAFF

Consultation Evaluation request

Agricultural
Materials Council

- Risk evaluation of safety
of livestock

Food Safety
Commission

- Risk evaluation of safety as
livestock products

Report Evaluation result

MAFF

Public comment

Publication of the fact that safety as
feed is confirmed (notification)

Application for approval for
general use

(Import, distribution, and cultivation
as food or feed)

MAFF and MOE

Hearing of opinions

Biodiversity Effect Evaluation Study Committee
(Farm Products Subcommittee and
Comprehensive Study Committee)

Risk evaluation of effect on biodiversity

Submission of
opinions

MAFF and MOE

Public comment

(Consistency with the food and feed
safety check is considered (specified in
the fundamental matters based on the
Cartagena Act))

Publication of approval (notification)

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