

## Establishment of indicators for Aflatoxin M1 for Milk

### Background

Currently, total aflatoxin (B1, B2, G1 and G2) is used as the indicator value at 10µg/kg to evaluate the compliance under the provision of section 2, Article 6 of the Food Sanitation Law.

Now, in accordance with the assessment by the Japan's Food Safety Commission, the discussions of the Council about aflatoxin M1 (AFM1), the trend in the international standard of AFM1 and the consideration of AFM1 as genotoxic carcinogen, the MHLW has decided to set an AFM1 indicator as follows, based on section 2, Article 6 of the Food Sanitation Law.

### Proposed revision

The indicator value of aflatoxin M1 in milk will be 0.5 µg/kg, which will be used to apply section 2, Article 6 of the Food Sanitation Law.

### Notes

The food and additives which contain or are covered with toxic or harmful substances or are suspected to contain or be covered with such substances shall not be sold or collected, produced, imported, processed, used, cooked, stored, or displayed for the purpose of marketing, based on section 2, Article 6 of the Food Sanitation Law.