

Partial amendment to the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. and the Ministerial Ordinance on Milk and Milk Products Concerning Compositional Standards, Etc.

The government of Japan partially revised the specifications and standards for apparatus, containers, and packaging (ACP) for milk and milk products on December 4, 2020.

Outline of the amendment

- The descriptions on the specifications for ACP etc. or their raw materials and the manufacturing standards prescribed in Articles 1 and 3 of the Ministerial Ordinance on Milk, etc. was deleted.
- The provisions concerning ACP in Appended Table [4] of the Ministerial Ordinance on Milk, etc. was transferred to “E. Specifications by Application for apparatus, containers, and packaging” of the Public Notice taking into consideration the following items.
 - a. In the Public Notice, the specifications and standards are described specifically for easier understanding instead of descriptions like “Follow mutatis mutandis XX”, which are used in the Ministerial Ordinance on Milk, etc.
 - b. Duplication of descriptions of testing methods etc. are simplified.
 - c. The provisions concerning approvals by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare for the use of ACP other than those stipulated in the Ministerial Ordinance on Milk, etc. are deleted.