

Standards for Use, according to Use Categories

effective from June 04, 2009

Major Use Category	Additives	Target Foods	Maximum Limits ppm	Limitation for Use	
Acidifiers	Acetic Acid	All foods			
	Acetic Acid, Glacial				
	Adipic Acid				
	Citric Acid				
	Fumaric Acid				
	Gluconic Acid				
	Glucono- δ -Lactone				
	Lactic Acid				
	DL-Malic Acid				
	Succinic Acid				
	D-Tartaric Acid				
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Anti-caking	Ferrocyanides of Calcium, Potassium and Sodium	Salt	Individually or in combination, 0.020g/kg as anhydrous sodium ferrocyanide		
Anti-foaming agent	Silicone resin	All foods	0.050 g/kg	Only for defoaming.	
Anti-molding agents	Diphenyl	Grapefruit Lemon Orange	as maximum residue limit		
			0.070 g/kg		
			0.070 g/kg		
	Imazalil	Banana Citrus fruits (except mandarin orange)	as maximum residue limit		
			0.0020 g/kg 0.0050 g/kg		
<i>o</i> -Phenylphenol	Citrus fruits	as maximum residue limit of <i>o</i> -phenylphenol			
Sodium <i>o</i> -Phenylphenol		0.010g /kg			
Antioxidants	L-Ascorbic Acid	All foods			
					L-Ascorbyl Palmitate
					L-Ascorbyl Stearate
	Butylated Hydroxyanisole (BHA)	Butter Fats & oils Fish & shellfish (dried) Fish & shellfish (salted) Fish & shellfish (frozen) (except frozen products consumed raw) Mashed potato (dried) Whale meat (frozen) (except frozen products consumed raw)	as BHA		
			0.2 g/kg		
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0.2 g/kg					
1 g/kg of dip					
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1 g/kg of dip					

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Antioxidants (continued)	Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT)	Butter	as BHA 0.2 g/kg	When BHA is used in combination with BHT, the total amount of both shall not exceed the corresponding limit.		
		Chewing gum	0.75 g/kg			
		Fats & oils	0.2 g/kg			
		Fish & shellfish (dried)	0.2 g/kg			
		Fish & shellfish (salted)	0.2 g/kg			
		Fish & shellfish (frozen) (except frozen products consumed raw)	1 g/kg of dip			
		Mashed potato (dried)	0.2 g/kg			
		Whale meat (frozen) (except frozen products consumed raw)	1 g/kg of dip			
		Calcium Disodium Ethylenediamine-tetraacetate	Canned and bottle non-alcoholic beverages		as EDTA-CaNa ₂ 0.035 g/kg	
			Other canned and bottle foods		0.25 g/kg	
L-Cysteine Monohydrochloride	Bread					
	Fruit juice					
Disodium Ethylenediaminetetraacetate	Canned and bottle non-alcoholic beverages	as EDTA-CaNa ₂ 0.035 g/kg	Shall be chelated with calcium ino before the preparation of the finished food.			
	Other canned and bottled foods	0.25 g/kg				
Erythroic Acid	All foods		Not permitted for nutritive purposes in fish paste products (excluding SURIMI) or bread. Only for antioxidizing purposes in other foods.			
Isopropyl Citrate	Butter	as monoisopropyl citrate 0.10 g/kg				
	Fats and oils	0.10 g/kg				
Guaiac Resin	Butter	1.0 g/kg				
	Fats and oils	1.0 g/kg				
Propyl Gallate	Butter	0.10 g/kg				
	Fats and oils	0.20 g/kg				
Sodium L-Ascorbate	All foods					
Sodium Erythorbate	All foods		Not permitted for nutritive purposes in fish paste products (excluding SURIMI) or bread. Only for antioxidizing purposes in other foods.			
<i>d</i> - α -Tocopherol	All foods		Only for antioxidizing, except when included in preparation of β -Carotene, Vitamin A, Vitamin A Esters of Fatty Acids, or Liquid Paraffin.			
Antisticking	D-Mannitol	Candies Chewing gum FURIKAKE (sprinkleover only products containing granues) RAKUGAN (dried rice-flour cakes) TSUKUDANI (food boiled down in soy sauce, only products made of KONBU (kelp)) All foods as CHOMIRYO (seasoning)*	40 % 20 % 50 % of granules 30 % 25 % (as maximum residue limit)	* When used in formula with Potassium Chloride and Glutamate for seasoning foods or enhancing their original flavor, no limits are specified. (only cases where D-Mannitol does not exceed 80 % of the sum of Potassium Chloride, Glutamates and D-Mannitol)		

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Bleaching agents	Hydrogen Peroxide	All foods		Shall be removed or decomposed before the preparation of the finished food.	
	Sodium Chlorite	Cherry Citrus fruits (limited to those for confectionary) FUKI Grape Peach			Decompose or remove prior to preparation of final food.
		Eggs (limited to the part of egg shell) Seasoned and processed KAZUNOKO (Herring roe products) (except for dried KAZUNOKO and freeze-dried KAZUNOKO) Vegetables for direct consumption	0.50 g/kg dipping solution (as sodium chlorite)		
	Potassium Hydrogen Sulfite Solution		Residue limit of SO ₂	Not permitted in legumes/pulses, sesame seeds, or vegetables. When other foods (excluding KONNYAKU) manufactured or processed, using foods listed in this section, in which an additive listed in the left column is used, according to the standards for use, contain a residue of not less than 0.030 g/kg as SO ₂ , the amount of residue shall be the maximum residue limit.	
	Potassium Pyrosulfite	AMANATTO:dried candied beans	0.10 g/kg		
	Sodium Hydrogen Sulfite Solution	Candied cherry	0.30 g/kg		
		Dijon mustard	0.50 g/kg		
	Sodium Hydrosulfite	Dried fruits (excluding raisins)	2.0 g/kg		
	Sodium Pyrosulfite	Raisins	1.5 g/kg		
	Sodium Sulfite	Dried potato	0.50 g/kg		
	Sulfur Dioxide	Food molasses	0.30 g/kg		
		Frozen raw crab	0.10 g/kg		
		Gelatin	0.50 g/kg		
		KANPYO: dried gourd strips	5.0 g/kg		
		KONNYAKU-KO: powdered konjac	0.90 g/kg		
Miscellaneous alcoholic beverages		0.35 g/kg			
MIZUAME (starch syrup)		0.20 g/kg			
Natural fruit juice (confined to foods to be consumed in 5-fold or more dilution)		0.15 g/kg			
Prawn		0.10 g/kg			
Simmered beans		0.10 g/kg			
Tapioca starch for saccharification	0.25 g/kg				
Wine (any kind of fruit wine, excluding squeezed fruit juice containing alcohol of not less than 1% by volume which is used for manufacturing wine and a concentrate of the same.)	0.35 g/kg				
Other foods (excluding cherry used for candied cherry, hop used for brewing beer, fruit juice used for manufacturing wine, and squeezed fruit juice containing alcohol of not less than 1 % by volume, and a concentrate of the same.)	0.030 g/kg				
Chewing gum bases	Ester Gum	Chewing gum		Only as chewing gum base. * Polyvinyl Acetate may also be used as film-forming. See the section, "Film-forming agents."	
	Polybutene				
	Polyisobutylene				
	Polyvinyl Acetate*				

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Color fixatives	Ferrous Sulfate	All foods			
	Potassium Nitrate	Meat products Whale meat bacon	less than: 0.070 g/kg 0.070 g/kg (as residue limit of NO ₂)	May be used as fermentation regulator. See the section, "Miscellaneous."	
	Sodium Nitrate	Same as for Potassium Nitrate			
	Sodium Nitrite	Fish ham Fish sausage IKURA (salted/processed salmon roes) Meat products SUJIKO (salted salmon roes) TARAKO Whale meat bacon	as maximum residue limit of nitrite 0.050 g/kg 0.050 g/kg 0.0050 g/kg 0.070 g/kg 0.0050 g/kg 0.0050 g/kg 0.070 g/kg		
Color adjuvant	Ferrous Gluconate	Table olive	0.15 g/kg	May also be used as dietary supplement. See the section, "Dietary supplements"	
Dietary Supplements	L-Ascorbic acid 2-glucoside	All foods			
	Biotin	Foods with health claims			
	Bisbentiamine	All foods			
	Calcium Carbonate*	All foods Chewing gum* * Only applied to Calcium Carbonate	as Ca	Only when indispensable for manufacturing or processing the food, or when used for nutritive purposes.	
	Calcium Chloride		1.0 %		
	Calcium Citrate		10 % *		
	Calcium Dihydrogen Pyrophosphate		The above limits do not apply to foods approved to be labeled as "special dietary use."		
	Calcium Dihydrogen Phosphate				
	Calcium Gluconate				
	Calcium Glycerophosphate				
	Calcium Hydroxide				Only when indispensable for manufacturing or processing the food, or when used for nutritive purposes.
	Calcium Lactate				
	Dietary Supplements (continued)		Calcium Monohydrogen Phosphate		All foods
		Calcium Pantothenate			
Calcium Sulfate				Only when indispensable for manufacturing or processing the food, or when used for nutritive purposes.	
Cholecalciferol		All foods			

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Dietary Supplements (continued)	Copper Gluconate	Substitutes for human milk Foods with health claims	as copper 0.60 mg/L when formulated into a standard concentration. 5 mg/recommended daily portion of each food	The limit does not apply to cases where these additives are used in formulated dried milk under approval by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare.
	Cupric Sulfate	Substitutes for human milk	as copper 0.60 mg/L when formulated into a standard concentration.	
	Dibenzoyl Thiamine Dibenzoyl Thiamine Hydrochloride Dry Formed Vitamin A Ergocalciferol Ferric Ammonium Citrate Ferric Chloride Ferric Citrate Ferric Pyrophosphate	All foods		
	Ferrous Gluconate	Dried milk for pregnant and lactating women. Substitutes for human milk. Weaning foods		May also be used as color adjuvant. See the section, "Color adjuvant."
	Folic Acid L-Histidine Monohydrochloride Iron Lactate L-Isoleucine L-Lysine L-Aspartate L-Lysine L-Glutamate L-Lysin Monohydrochloride DL-Methionine L-Methionine Methyl Hesperidin	All foods		
	Nicotinamide Nicotinic Acid			Not permitted in fresh fish/shellfish (including fresh whale meat) or meat.
	L-Phenylalanine Pyridoxine Hydrochloride Riboflavin Riboflavin 5'-Phosphate Sodium Riboflavin Tetrabutyrate Sodium Ferrous Citrate Sodium Pantothenate Thiamine Dicetylsulfate Thiamine Dilaurylsulfate Thiamine Hydrochloride Thiamine Mononitrate	All foods		

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Dietary Supplements (continued)	Thiamine Naphthalene-1, 5-disulfonate	All foods		
	Thiamine Thiocyanate			
	DL-Threonine			
	L-Threonine			
	<i>all-rac</i> - α -Tocopheryl Acetate	Foods with health claims	as α -Tocopherol 150 mg/recommended daily portion of each food	
	<i>R,R,R</i> - α -Tocopheryl Acetate			
	Tricalcium Phosphate	All foods	as Ca 1.0 % The above limit do not apply to foods approved to be labeled as "special dietary use."	Only when indispensable for manufacturing or processing the food, or when used for nutritive purposes.
	DL-Tryptophan	All foods		
	L-Tryptophan			
	L-Valine			
Vitamin A				
Vitamin A Esters of Fatty Acids				
Vitamin A in Oil				
Zinc Gluconate	Only substitutes for human milk	as zinc 6.0 mg/L When formulated into a standard concentration.	Not applied to cases where the additives is used in formulated dried milk under approval by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare.	
	Foods with health claims	15 mg/ recommended daily portion of each food		
Zinc Sulfate	Only substitutes for human milk	as zinc 6.0 mg/L When formulated into a standard concentration.	Not applied to cases where the additives is used in formulated dried milk under approval by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare.	
Emulsifiers	Calcium Strearoyl Lactylate	Bread.	4.0 g/kg	*as dry noodles. ** as boiled noodles.
		Butter cakes.	5.5 g/kg	
		Confections (baked or fried wheat flour products only).	4.0 g/kg	
		Moist cakes (rice flour products only).	6.0 g/kg	
		Macaroni and other such products.*	4.0 g/kg*	
		Mixed powder:		
		for manufacturing bread.	5.5 g/kg	
		for manufacturing confections (fried wheat flour products only).	5.5 g/kg	
		for manufacturing confections (baked wheat flour products only).	5.0 g/kg	
		for manufacturing moist cakes (rice flour products only).	10 g/kg	
for manufacturing sponge cakes, butter cakes and steamed breads.	8.0 g/kg			
for manufacturing steamed MANJYU (bun made by steaming wheat flour dough).	2.5			
Noodles (excluding instant noodles and dry noodles)	4.5 g/kg**			

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Emulsifiers (continued)	Calcium Strearoyl Lactylate (continued)	Sponge cakes.	5.5 g/kg	
		Steamed bread (bread made by steaming wheat flour dough).	5.5 g/kg	
		Steamed MANJYU	2.0 g/kg	
	Glycerol Esters of Fatty Acids	All foods		
	Lecithin			
	Polysorbate 20		as polysorbate 80	
	Polysorbate 60	Capsule- and tablet-form foods excluding confections	25 g/kg	
	Polysorbate 65	Chewing gum	5.0 g/kg	
	Polysorbate 80	Cocoa and chocolate products	5.0 g/kg	
		Milk-fat substitutes	5.0 g/kg	
		Sauces	5.0 g/kg	
		Seasonings for instant noodles	5.0 g/kg	
		Shortening	5.0 g/kg	
		Bakery confections	3.0 g/kg	
Decorations for confections (Sugar coatings and icings)		3.0 g/kg		
Dressing		3.0 g/kg		
Ice creams		3.0 g/kg		
Mayonnaise		3.0 g/kg		
Mix powder for bakery confections and moist sweet cake		3.0 g/kg		
Moist sweet cake, unbaked cake (Including fruit tart, cream cake, rare cheese cake, custard pudding, and like products)	3.0 g/kg			
Sweetened yoghurt	3.0 g/kg			
Candies	1.0 g/kg			
Edible ices including sherbet	1.0 g/kg			
Flour paste*	1.0 g/kg			
Soup	1.0 g/kg			
Pickled sea weed	0.50 g/kg			
Pickled vegetables	0.50 g/kg			
Chocolate drinks	0.50 g/kg			
Unripened cheese	0.080 g/kg			
Canned and bottled sea weed	0.030 g/kg			
Canned and bottled vegetables	0.030 g/kg			
Other foods	0.020 g/kg			
Propylene Glycol Esters of Fatty Acids	All foods			
		Sorbitan Esters of Fatty Acids		
		Sucrose Esters of Fatty Acids		
Film-forming agents	Morpholine Salts of Fatty Acids	Rind of fruits		Only as film-forming agent. * Polyvinyl Acetate may also be used as chewing gum base. See the section, "Chewing gum base."
	Polyvinyl Acetate*	Rind of vegetables		
	Sodium Oleate			
Flavoring agents	Acetaldehyde	All foods		Only for flavoring.
	Acetophenone			
	Aliphatic Higher Alcohols (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)			
	Aliphatic Higher Aldehydes (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)			

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Flavoring agents (continued)	Aliphatic Higher Hydrocarbons (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)	All foods		Only for flavoring.
	Allyl Cyclohexylpropionate			
	Allyl Hexanoate			
	Allyl Isothiocyanate			
	Amyl alcohol			
	α -Amylcinnamaldehyde			
	Anisaldehyde			
	Aromatic Alcohols			
	Aromatic Aldehydes (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)			
	Benzaldehyde			
	Benzyl Acetate			
	Benzyl Alcohol			
	Benzyl Propionate			
	α -Borneol			
	Butanol			
	Butyl Acetate			
	Butyl Butyrate			
	Butyraldehyde			
	Butyric Acid			
	Cinnamic Acid			
	Cinnamaldehyde			
	Cinnamyl Acetate			
	Cinnamyl Alcohol			
	Citral			
	Citronellal			
	Citronellol			
	Citronellyl Acetate			
	Citronellyl Formate			
	Cyclohexyl Acetate			
	Cyclohexyl Butyrate			
	Decanal			
	Decanol			
	2,3-Dimethylpyrazine			
	2,5-Dimethylpyrazine			
	2,6-Dimethylpyrazine			
	Esters			
	Ethers			

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Flavoring agents (continued)	Ethyl Acetate	All foods Ethanol Yeast extract Vinyl acetate resin		<p>Only for flavoring, except when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Used for denaturing ethanol which is used for the removal of astringency of persimons, the manufacture of crystalline fructose, the preparation of granules or tablets of spices, or the manufacture of KONNYAKU-KO (Konjac powder), or which is used as a solvent for Butylated Hydroxytoluene or Butylated Hydroxyanisole or as an ingredient for the manufacture of vinegar; Used for accelerating yeast-autolysis in the extract (water-soluble fraction obtained by autolysis of yeast;) Used as a solvent for vinyl acetate resin. <p>Ethyl Acetate used in manufacturing yeast extract shall be removed before the preparation of the finished food.</p>
	Ethyl Acetoacetate	All foods		Only for flavoring.
	Ethyl Butyrate			
	Ethyl Cinnamate			
	Ethyl Decanoate			
	Mixture of			
	2-Ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine and			
	2-Ethyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine			
	Ethyl Heptanoate			
	Ethyl Hexanoate			
	Ethyl Isovalerate			
	2-Ethyl-3-methylpyrazine			
	Ethyl Octanoate			
	Ethyl Phenylacetate			
	Ethyl Propionate			
	Ethylvanillin			
	1,8-Cineole			
	Eugenol			
	Fatty Acids			
	Furfural and its derivatives			
	(excluding substances generally			
	recognized as highly toxic)			
	Geraniol			
	Geranyl Acetate			
	Geranyl Formate			
	Hexanoic Acid			
	Hydroxycitronellal			
	Hydroxycitronellal Di-			
	methylacetal			
	Indole and its derivatives			
	Ionone			
	Isoamyl Acetate			

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Flavoring agents (continued)	Isoamylalcohol	All foods		Only for flavoring.
	Isoamyl Butyrate			
	Isoamyl Formate			
	Isoamyl Isovalerate			
	Isoamyl Phenylacetate			
	Isoamyl Propionate			
	Isobutanol			
	Isobutyraldehyde			
	Isobutyl Phenylacetate			
	Isoeugenol			
	Isopropanol			
	Isothiocyanates (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)			
	Isovaleraldehyde			
	Ketones			
	Lactones (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)			
	Linalool			
	Linalyl Acetate			
	Maltol			
	<i>d</i> -Menthol			
	<i>l</i> -Menthol			
	<i>l</i> -Menthyl Acetate			
	Methyl Athranilate			
	2-Methylbutanol			
	Methyl Cinnamate			
	Methyl <i>N</i> -Methylanthra- nilate			
	Methyl β -Naphthyl Ketone			
	5-Methylquinoxaline			
	Methyl Salicylate			
	<i>p</i> -Methylacetophenone			
	γ -Nonalactone			
	Octanal			
	<i>l</i> -Perillaldehyde			
	Phenethyl Acetate			
	Phenols (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)			
Phenol Ethers (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)				
Piperonal				
Propanol				
Propionic Acid*				
Terpene Hydrocarbons				
Terpineol				
Terpinyl Acetate				

* Propionic Acid may also be used as preservative. See the section, "Preservatives."

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Flavoring agents (continued)	2,3,5,6-Tetramethylpyrazine	All foods		Only for flavoring.
	Thioethers (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)			
	Thiols (excluding substances generally recognized as highly toxic)			
	2,3,5-Trimethylpyrazine			
	γ -Undecalactone			
	Valeraldehyde			
	Vanillin			
Flour treatment agents	Ammonium Persulfate	Wheat flour	0.30 g/kg	
	Benzoyl Peroxide	Wheat flour		Can be used only as diluted Benzoyl Peroxide by mixing with one or more of Alum, calcium salts of Phosphoric Acid, Calcium Sulfate, Calcium Carbonate, Magnesium Carbonate, and Starch.
	Chloride Dioxide	Wheat flour		
	Diluted Benzoyl Peroxide	Wheat flour	0.30 g/kg	
	Potassium Bromate	Bread (only products made of wheat flour)	0.030 g/kg of wheat flour	Shall be decomposed or removed before the preparation of the finished food.
Food Colors	Annato, water-soluble			Not permitted in fresh fish/shellfish (including whale meat), KONBU (kelp)/WAKAME (sea weed) (both <i>Laminariales</i>), legumes/pulses, meat, NORI (laver) (except when gold is used on NORI), tea leaves, or vegetables.
	β -Carotene			Not permitted in fresh fish/shellfish including (fresh whale meat), KONBU (kelp)/WAKAME (sea weed) (both <i>Laminariales</i>), legumes/pulses, meat NORI (laver), tea, or vegetables.
	Copper Chlorophyll	Agar jelly in MITSUMAME (prepared by mixing agar jelly, cut fruits, green beans, etc. with sugar syrup) packed into cans or plastic containers.	as copper 0.0004 g/kg	
	Chewing gum		0.050 g/kg	* Foods which are processed for preserving, including dried foods, salted foods, pickled foods in vinegar, and preserved foods in syrup.
	Chocolate		0.0010 g/kg	
	Fish-paste products (excluding SURIMI)		0.030 g/kg	
	Fruits and vegetables for preservation.*		0.10 g/kg	
	KONBU (kelp)		0.15 g/kg of dry kelp	
	Copper Chlorophyll (continued)	Moist cakes (excluding bread with sweet fillings or toppings)	0.0064 g/kg	

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Food Colors (continued)	Sodium Iron Chlorophyllin			Same as for Annato, water-soluble
	Titanium Dioxide			Only for coloring. Not permitted in fish pickles, fresh fish/shellfish (including whale meat) KASUTERA (a type of pound cake), KINAKO (roasted soybean flour), KONBU (kelp)/WAKAME (sea weed) (both <i>Laminariales</i>), legumes/pulses, marmalade, meat, meat pickles, MISO (fermented soybean paste), noodles (including Wantan), NORI(laver), soy sauce, sponge cakes, tea leaves, vegetables, or whale meat pickles.
Humectant	Sodium Chondroitin Sulfate	Fish sausage Mayonnaise Dressing	3.0 g/kg 20 g/kg 20 g/kg	
Insecticide	Piperonyl Butoxide	Cereal grains	0.024 g/kg	
Non-nutritive Sweeteners	Acesulfame Potassium	An (sweetened bean paste) Confectionary Chewing gum Edible ices (including sherbets, flavored ices, and other similar foods) Fermented milk* Flour paste Ice creams Jam Foods with health claims (only tablets) Lactic acid bacterial bevarages* Milk drinks* Miscellaneous alcoholic beverages* Moist cakes Nonalcoholic beverages Pickles Sugar substitutes** Tare (a dip or sauce mainly for Japanese or Chinese foods) Wine* Other foods	2.5 g/kg 2.5 g/kg 5.0 g/kg 1.0 g/kg 0.50 g/kg 1.0 g/kg 1.0 g/kg 1.0 g/kg 6.0 g/kg 0.50 g/kg 0.50 g/kg 0.50 g/kg 2.5 g/kg 0.50 g/kg 1.0 g/kg 15 g/kg 1.0 g/kg 0.50 g/kg 0.35 g/kg	These maximum limits do not apply to foods approved to be labeled as special dietary use. * Applied to dilutions, in the case of concentrated products. ** Products used by directly adding to drinks, such as coffee and tea.
	Aspartame			
	Disodium Glycyrrhizinate	MISO (fermented soybean paste) Soy sauce		
	Saccharin	Chewing gum	0.050 g/kg	
	Sodium Saccharin	KOZI-ZUKE (preserved in KOJI, fermented rice) SU-ZUKE (vinegar-pickled foods) TAKUAN-ZUKE (rice bran-pickled radishes)	as residue limit of sodium saccharine less than: 2.0 g/kg	

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Non-nutritive sweeteners (continued)	Sodium Saccharin (continued)	Nonalcoholic beverages (powdered)	1.5 g/kg	These maximum limits do not apply to foods approved to be labeled as special dietary use.
		KASU-ZUKE (lee-pickled foods)	1.2 g/kg	
		MISO-ZUKE (MISO-pickled foods)		
		SHOYU-ZUKE (soy sauce-pickled foods)		
		Fish/shellfish (processed, excluding fish paste, TSUKUDANI (foods boiled down with soy sauce), pickles, and canned or bottled foods)		
		Processed sea weeds	0.50 g/kg	
		Simmered beans		
		Soy sauce		
		TSUKUDANI (foods boiled down with soy sauce)		
		Edible ices	0.30 g/kg	
Fish paste	(less than 1.5 g/kg in case of materials for nonalcoholic beverage or lactic acid bacteria drinks or fermented milk product to be diluted not less than 5-fold before use, less than 0.90 g/kg in case of vinegar to be deluted not less than 3-fold before use)			
Lactic acid bacterial drinks				
Milk drinks				
Nonalcoholic beverages				
Sauces				
Syrup				
Vinegar				
An (sweetened bean paste)	0.20 g/kg			
Fermented milk				
Flour paste				
Ice cream products				
Jams				
MISO (fermented soybean paste)				
Pickles (preserved or pickled foods, excluding those listed in this column)				
Confectionary	0.10 g/kg			
Canned or bottled foods, excluding those listed above.	0.20 g/kg			
D-Sorbitol	All foods			
Sucralose		Chewing gum	2.6 g/kg	These maximum limits do not apply to foods approved to be labeled as special dietary use. * Applied to dilutions, in the case of concentrated products. ** Products used by directly adding to drinks, such as coffee and tea.
		Confectionary	1.8 g/kg	
		Jam	1.0 g/kg	
		Lactic acid bacterial beverages*	0.40 g/kg	
		Milk drinks*	0.40 g/kg	
		Miscellaneous alcoholic beverages*	0.40 g/kg	
		Moist cakes	1.8 g/kg	
		Nonalcoholic beverages*	0.40 g/kg	
		Sake*	0.40 g/kg	
		Sake (compounded)*	0.40 g/kg	
		Sugar substitutes**	12 g/kg	
		Wine (any kind of fruit wine)*	0.40 g/kg	
		Other foods	0.58 g/kg	

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Non-nutritive sweeteners (continued)	Xylitol	All foods		
	D-Xylose			
Preservatives	Benzoic Acid	Caviar	2.5 g/kg	When the additive is used in margarine with Sorbic Acid or Potassium Sorbate, or a preparation containing either of these two additives, the total amount of them as benzoic acid and as sorbic acid shall not be more than 1.0 g/kg.
		Margarine	1.0 g/kg	
		Nonalcoholic beverages	0.60 g/kg	
		Soy sauce	0.60 g/kg	
		Syrup	0.60 g/kg	
	Butyl <i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzoate		as <i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoic acid	
		Fruit sauce	0.20 g/kg	
		nonalcoholic beverages	0.10 g/kg	
		Rind of fruits and fruit vegetables	0.012 g/kg	
		Soy sauce	0.25 g/L	
		Syrup	0.10 g/kg	
		Vinegar	0.10 g/L	
	Calcium Propionate		as propionic acid	When the additive is used in cheese with Sorbic Acid or Potassium Sorbate, or a preparation containing either of these two additives, the total amount of them as propionic acid and as sorbic acid shall not be more than 3.0 g/kg.
		Bread and cakes	2.5 g/kg	
		Cheese	3.0 g/kg	
	Ethyl <i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzoate	Same as for Butyl <i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzoate.		
	Isobutyl <i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzoate			
	Isopropyl <i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzoate			
Nisin			As polypeptide containing Nisin A	The maximum use levels are not apply to products permitted or recognized by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare as foods for special dietary uses. The foods include five types of products: foods for the ill, milk powder for pregnant and lactating women, formulated milk powder for infants, foods for the aged, foods for specified health uses. * Sauces refer to all kinds of sauces including Oriental thick Worcester sauce, cheese souce, and ketchup, but excluding fruit sauce and its analogues used for cakes. ** They refer to rice pudding and tapioca puding, and their analogues, but excluding Oriental sweet dumplings.
		Cheese (except processed cheese)	0.0125g/kg	
		Meat products Whipped creams		
		Dressing Mayonnaise Sauces*	0.010g/kg	
		Fine bakery products Processed cheese	0.00625g/kg	
		MISO (fermented soybean paste) Processed eggs products	0.0050g/kg	
		Moist, unbaked, sweet cakes made mainly of cereal grains or starch**	0.0030g/kg	
	Potassium Sorbate		as sorbic acid	Cheese: When used in combination with propionic acid, calcium propionate, or sodium propionate, total level of the additives as sorbic acid and as propionic acid shall not be more than 3.0 g/kg.
		AMAZAKE (beverages made from fermented rice using KOJI (<i>Asp. oryzae</i>), and confined to products to be coconsumed in 3-fold or more dilution.)	0.30 g/kg	

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Preservative (continued)	Potassium Sorbate (continued)	AN (sweetened bean paste)	1.0 g/kg	3.0 g/kg. When the additive is used in margarine with Benzoic Acid or Sodium Benzoate, the total amount of them as benzoic acid and as sorbic acid shall not be more than 1.0 g/kg. When the additive is used in MISO-ZUKE, the total amount of Sorbic Acid used in the product, and Sorbic Acid and its salts containing in MISO as ingredient shall not be more than 1.0 g/kg.
		Candied cherries	1.0 g/kg	
		Cheese	3.0 g/kg	
		Dried fish/shellfish (excluding smoking cuttlefish & octopus)	1.0 g/kg	
		Dried prune	0.50 g/kg	
		Fermented milk (as raw materials for lactic acid bacterial drinks)	0.30 g/kg	
		Fish-paste products (excluding SURIMI)	2.0 g/kg	
		Flour paste products for bread and confectionary	1.0 g/kg	
		Fruit juice (including concentrated fruit juice) for confectionary	1.0 g/kg	
		Fruit paste for confectionary	1.0 g/kg	
		Gnocchis	1.0 g/kg	
		Jams	1.0 g/kg	
		KASU-ZUKE (lees-pickled foods)	1.0 g/kg	
		Ketchup	0.50 g/kg	
		KOJI-ZUKE (KOJI (<i>Asp. oryzae</i>)-pickled foods)	1.0 g/kg	
		Lactic acid bacterial beverages (excluding sterilized bevarages)	0.050 g/kg	
		Lactic acid bacterial beverages (as ingredients of lactic acid bacterial beverages, excluding sterilized beverages)	0.30 g/kg	
		Margarine	1.0 g/kg	
		Meat products	2.0 g/kg	
		Miscellaneous alcoholic beverages	0.20 g/kg	
		MISO (fermented soy bean paste)	1.0 g/kg	
		MISO-ZUKE (MISO-pickled foods)	1.0 g/kg	
		Salted vegetables	1.0 g/kg	
		Sea urchin products	2.0 g/kg	
		SHOYU-ZUKE (soy sauce-pickled foods)	1.0 g/kg	
		Simmered beans	1.0 g/kg	
		Smoked cuttlefish & octopus	1.5 g/kg	
		Soup (excluding potage-type soup)	0.50 g/kg	
		SU-ZUKE (vinegar-pickled foods)	0.50 g/kg	
		Syrup	1.0 g/kg	
		TAKUAN-ZUKE (rice bran-pickled radish)	1.0 g/kg	
		TARE (a dip or sauce mainly for Japanese or Chinese foods)	0.50 g/kg	
		TSUKUDANI (foods boiled down in soy sauce)	1.0 g/kg	
		TSUYU (a sauce mainly for Japanese noodles)	0.50 g/kg	
		Whale meat products	2.0 g/kg	
		Wine (any kind of fruit wine)	0.20 g/kg	

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Preservative (continued)	Propionic Acid	Same as for Calcium Propionate		This additive may also be used as flavoring agent. See the section, "Flavoring agents."	
	Propyl <i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzoate	Same as for Butyl <i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzoate			
	Sodium Benzoate	Caviar Fruit paste and fruit juice (including concentrated juice) used for manufacturing confectionary. Margarine Nonalcoholic beverages Soy sauce Syrup	as benzoic acid		When the additive is used in margarine with Sorbic Acid or Potassium Sorbate, the total amount of them as benzoic acid and as sorbic acid shall not be more than 1.0 g/kg.
			2.5 g/kg		
			1.0 g/kg		
			1.0 g/kg		
			0.60 g/kg		
Sodium Dehydroacetate	Butter Cheese Margarine	as dehydroacetic			
		0.50 g/kg			
		0.50 g/kg			
Sodium Propionate	Same as for Calcium Propionate				
Sorbic Acid	AMAZAKE (beverages made from fermented rice using KOJI (<i>Asp. oryzae</i>), and confined to products to be coconsumed in 3-fold or more dilution.) AN (sweetened bean paste) Candied cherries Cheese Dried fish/shellfish (excluding smoking cuttlefish & octopus) Dried prune Fermented milk (as raw materials for lactic acid bacterial drinks) Fish-paste products (excluding SURIMI) Flour paste products for bread and confectionary Gnocchis Jam KASU-ZUKE (lees-pickled foods) Ketchup KOJI-ZUKE (KOJI (<i>Asp. oryzae</i>)-pickled foods) Lactic acid bacterial beverages (excluding sterilized bevarages) Lactic acid bacterial beverages (as ingredients of lactic acid bacterial beverages, excluding sterilized beverages) Margarine	as sorbic acid		When the additive is used in margarine with Benzoic Acid or Sodium Benzoate, the total amount of them as benzoic acid and as sorbic acid shall not be more than 1.0 g/kg. When the additive is used in MISO-ZUKE, the total amount	
		0.30 g/kg			
		1.0 g/kg			
		1.0 g/kg			
		3.0 g/kg			
		1.0 g/kg			
		0.50 g/kg			
		0.30 g/kg			
		2.0 g/kg			
		1.0 g/kg			
		1.0 g/kg			
		1.0 g/kg			
		0.50 g/kg			
		1.0 g/kg			
		0.050 g/kg			
		0.30 g/kg			
1.0 g/kg					

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Preservative (continued)	Sorbic Acid (continued)	Meat products	2.0 g/kg	MISO-ZUKE, the total amount of Sorbic Acid used in the product, and Sorbic Acid and its salts containing in MISO as ingredient shall not be more than 1.0 g/kg.
		Miscellaneous alcoholic beverages	0.20 g/kg	
		MISO (fermented soy bean paste)	1.0 g/kg	
		MISO-ZUKE (MISO-pickled foods)	1.0 g/kg	
		Salted vegetables	1.0 g/kg	
		Sea urchin products	2.0 g/kg	
		SHOYU-ZUKE (soy sauce-pickled foods)	1.0 g/kg	
		Simmered beans	1.0 g/kg	
		Smoked cuttlefish & octopus	1.5 g/kg	
		Soup (excluding potage-type soup)	0.50 g/kg	
		SU-ZUKE (vinegar-pickled foods)	0.50 g/kg	
		Syrup	1.0 g/kg	
		TAKUAN-ZUKE (rice bran-pickled radish)	1.0 g/kg	
		TARE (a dip or sauce mainly for Japanese or Chinese foods)	0.50 g/kg	
		TSUKUDANI (foods boiled down in soy sauce)	1.0 g/kg	
		TSUYU (a sauce mainly for Japanese noodles)	0.50 g/kg	
		Whale meat products	2.0 g/kg	
Wine (any kind of fruit wine)	0.20 g/kg			
Quality sustainer	Propylene Glycol	Crust of Chinese pastry (shao mai, spring roll, wonton, zaio-z)	1.2 %	
		Smoked cuttlefish	2.0 %	
		Raw noodles	2.0 %	
		Other foods	0.60 %	
Raising agents	Aluminum Ammonium Sulfate	All foods		Not permitted in MISO (fermented soy bean paste).
	Aluminum Potassium Sulfate			
	Ammonium Bicarbonate			
	Ammonium Carbonate			
	Ammonium Chloride			
	Baking Powder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single Baking Powder ▪ Duplex Baking Powder ▪ Ammonia Type Baking Powder 			
	Potassium L-Bitartrate			
	Potassium DL-Bitartrate			
	Potassium Carbonate			
	Sodium Bicarbonate			
Seasonings	DL-Alanine	All foods		
	L-Arginine L-Glutamate			
	Calcium 5'-Ribonucleotide			
	Disodium 5'-Cytidylate			
	Disodium 5'-Guanylate			
	Disodium 5'-Inosinate			

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Seasonings (continued)	Disodium 5'-Ribonucleotide			
	Disodium Succinate			
	Disodium DL-Tartrate			
	Disodium L-Tartrate			
	Disodium 5'-Uridylate			
	L-Glutamic Acid			
	Glycine			
	Monocalcium Di-L-Glutamate	All foods	as calcium 1.0 % Not applied to foods approved to be labeled as "special dietary use."	
	Monomagnesium Di-L-Glutamate	All foods		
	Monopotassium Citrate			
	Monopotassium L-Glutamate			
	Monosodium L-Aspartate			
	Monosodium Fumarate			
	Monosodium L-Glutamate			
	Monosodium Succinate			
	Potassium Chloride	All foods		
	Potassium Gluconate			
	Sodium Gluconate			
	Sodium Lactate			
	Sodium DL-Malate			
	L-Theanine			
	Tripotassium Citrate			
	Trisodium Citrate			
Solvents or extracting agents	Acetone	Fats and oils Guarana nuts		Only for extracting components from such nuts in the process of the manufacture of guarana beverages or for fractionating components of fats or oils. Shall be removed before the preparation of the finished food.
	Glycerol	All foods		
	Hexane			Only for extracting fats or oils in manufacturing edible fats or oils. Shall be removed before the preparation of the finished food.
Sterilizer	High-Test Hypochlorite	All foods		
	Hypochlorous Acid Water			Shall be decomposed or removed before the preparation of the finished food.
	Sodium Hypochlorite			Not permitted in sesame.

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Thickening agents or stabilizers	Ammonium Alginate	All foods		
	Casein	All foods		
	Calcium Alginate	All foods		
	Calcium Carboxymethyl-cellulose		2.0 %	When used with one or more of the following additives, the total amount shall not be more than 2.0 % : Methyl Cellulose, Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose, and Sodium Carboxymethylstrach.
	Methyl cellulose	All foods	2.0%	When used with one or more of the following additives, the total amount shall not be more than 2.0 %: Calcium Carboxymethyl-cellulose, Methyl Cellulose, and Sodium Carboxymethylstrach.
	Potassium Alginate			
	Propylene Glycol Alginate	All foods	1.0 %	
	Sodium Alginate			
	Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose	All foods	2.0 %	When used with one or more of the following additives, the total amount shall not be more than 2.0 %: Calcium Carboxymethyl-cellulose, Methyl Cellulose, and Sodium Carboxymethylstrach.
	Sodium Carboxymethylstarch	All foods	2.0 %	When used with one or more of the following additives, the total amount shall not be more than 2.0 %: Calcium Carboxymethyl-cellulose, Methyl Cellulose, and Sodium Carboxymethyl-cellulose.
	Sodium Caseinate	All foods		
Sodium Polyacrylate	All foods	0.20 %		

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Miscellaneous Absorbent Brewing agent Fermentation regulator Filtration aid Processing agent Quality improver	Active Carbone	All foods		
	Ammonia			
	Ammonium Dihydrogen Phosphate			
	Ammonium Sulfate			
	Calcium Silicate	All foods	2.0 % When used with Silicon Dioxide (fine), the total amount shall not be more than 2.0 %.	Not permitted in human milk substitutes or weaning foods.
	Calcium Stearate	All foods		
	Carbon Dioxide			
	Diammonium Hydrogen Phosphate			
	Dipotassium Hydrogen Phosphate			
	Disodium Dihydrogen Pyrophosphate			
	Disodium Hydrogen Phosphate			
	Hydroxypropyl Cellulose			
	Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose			
	Hydrochloric Acid			Shall be neutralized or removed before the preparation of the finished food.
	Ion Exchange Resins			Shall be removed before the preparation of the finished food.
	Liquid Paraffin	Bread	as residue limit less than 0.10 %	Only for releasing dough in dividing by automatic dispenser or in baking.
	Magnesium Carbonate	All foods		
	Magnesium Chloride			
	Magnesium Oxide			
	Magnesium Stearate			Only capsules and tablets as foods with health claim.
Magnesium Sulfate	All foods			
Natamycin	Natural Cheese (confined to the surface of hard and semi-hard cheeses)	less than 0.020 g/kg		
Nitrous Oxide	Whip creams (referring to products obtained by whipping foods composed mainly of milk fat or foods made mainly of milk fat substitutes).			
Oxalic Acid			Shall be removed before the preparation of the finished food.	
Phosphoric Acid	All foods			
Polyvinylpyrrolidone			Only as filtration aid. Shall be removed before the preparation of the finished food.	
Potassium Dihydrogen Phosphate	All foods			

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Miscellaneous Absorbent Brewing agent Fermentation regulator Filtration aid Processing agent Quality improver (continued)	Potassium Hydroxide			Shall be neutralized or removed before the preparation of the finished food.
	Potassium Metaphosphate	All foods		
	Potassium Nitrate	Cheese SAKE	0.20 g/L of raw milk 0.10 g/L of raw mash	
	Potassium Polyphosphate	All foods		
	Potassium Pyrophosphate			
	Silicon Dioxide			Only as filtration aid. Shall be removed before the preparation of the finished food.
	Silicon Dioxide (fine)	All foods	2.0 % When used with Calcium Silicate, the total amount shall not be more than 2.0 %:	Not permitted in human milk substitutes or weaning foods.
	Sodium Acetate	All foods		
	Sodium Carbonate			
	Sodium Dihydrogen Phosphate			
	Sodium Hydroxide			Shall be neutralized or removed before the preparation of the finished food.
	Sodium Hydroxide Solution			
	Sodium Metaphosphate			
	Sodium Methoxide			Shall be decomposed before the preparation of the finished product, then the methanol produced during the decomposition shall be removed.
	Sodium Polyphosphate	All foods		
	Sodium Pyrophosphate			
	Sodium Sulfate			
	Sulfuric Acid			Shall be neutralized or removed before the preparation of the finished food.
	Trimagnesium Phosphate	All foods		
	Tripotassium Phosphate			
	Trisodium Phosphate			
Water-insoluble minerals: Acid Clay Bentonite Diatomaceous Earth Kaolin Perlite Sand Talc* Other Similar Substances	All foods Chewing gum (when talc is only used)*	as maximum residue limit 0.50 % 5.0 %*	When two or more of the additives listed in this section are used together, the total of each residue amount shall not be more than 0.50 %. Only in case where its use is indispensable for manufacture or processing of food.	