

Safety Control Measures for Residues in Livestock and Fishery Products

Introduction of PLS for Residues for Livestock and Fisheries Products

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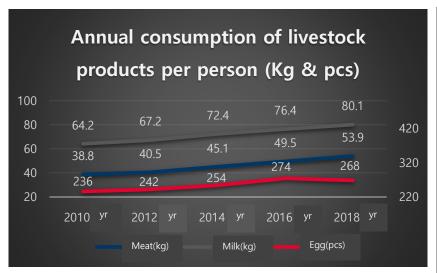
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Rationale for Residue Safety Control

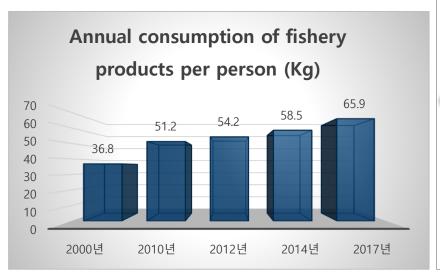


Increased Production and Imports of Livestock and Fishery Products Due to Increased Consumption





Source: Key Statistics on Agricultural, Forestry, and Livestock Products in 2009 released by Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



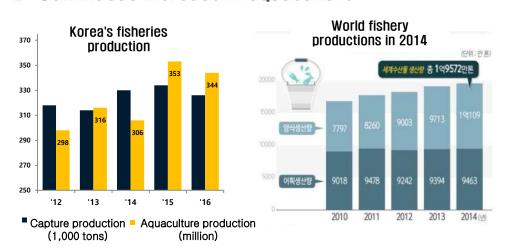


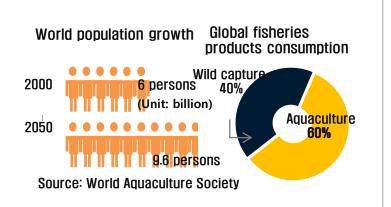
- More imports of livestock and fishery products due to increased trade (e.g., FTAs)
 - (Livestock products) Imports: ('09) 2.7 trillion won \rightarrow
 - ('14) 6.2 trillion won \rightarrow ('19) 8.7 trillion won
 - (Fishery products) Imports: ('09) 3.2 trillion won \rightarrow
 - ('14) 5.0 trillion won \rightarrow ('19) 5.5 trillion won

Increased Use of Veterinary Drugs



Continuous increase in aquaculture (Source: Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries)

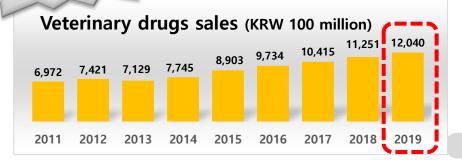




Factors for industrial development (e.g., increased livestock and fisheries production)

- Breeding
- Improvement in husbandry
- Development of farming equipment
- Improved feed quality
- Vaccine development
- Development of veterinary drugs

Sales increase in Korean veterinary drugs



Veterinary Drug Safety Control System



Managing Authorities

Licensing and production management

- 1. Article 85 of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act and the Agricultural and Marine Products Quality Control Act
- Ministry of Agriculture. Food and Rural Affairs. Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, and National Fishery Products Quality Management Service
- 2. Rules for handling veterinary drugs, etc.
- Arimel and Plant Ouerantine Agency and National Institute of Fisheries Science

Managing veterinary drug residues in food

1. The Food Sanitation Act, the Livestock Products **Sanitary Control Act,**

the Agricultural and Marine Products Quality Control Act

- Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS)
- 2. Food standards and specifications (Food Code)
- MEDS and National Institute of Food and Drug Safety Evaluation

Inter-agency coordination

- Setting maximum Residue limits (MRL)
- · Developing assays for livestock and fishery products
- Inspection during import and distribution

Drug Safety

- Licensing for aquaculture drugs
- Usage standard management
- Ministry of Food and **Inspection during** fisheries production

 Licensing for drugs for livestock

 Usage standard management

 Inspection during livestock production

> Food and Rural **Affairs**



Basis for Setting MRLs for Veterinary Drugs



Licensing, manufacturing, importing, and marketing veterinary drugs

The Pharmaceutical Affairs Act (law)

Article 85 (Exceptions to Drugs, etc. for Animals)

- (2) With respect to drugs for animals used for the treatment or prevention of animal's diseases, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries may determine standards for use of animal drugs, such as animals for which such drugs are used, direction, dosage, and the period banning its use if the drugs falling under any of the following subparagraphs:
 - 1. drug products designated as ones that may stay in an animal's body and inflict danger or injury to human health
 - 2. drug products designated to be administered or used for the purpose of infectious disease control for livestock or aquatic animals

The Rules for Handling Veterinary Drugs, etc. (ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)

Article 10–2 (Conditions for Product Approval)

The Director of the Animal and Plan Quarantine Agency or the National Institute of Fisheries Science ... must attach the condition for manufacture or import of veterinary drugs that they must be manufactured or imported for marketing after the MRLs have been set for the drugs and specify the condition in the statement of approval in Form 8.

Article 14 (Compliance Matters for the Manufacturers)

9. Veterinary drugs for which conditions have been attached pursuant to Article 10-2 shall be manufactured and marketed after MRL is established.

Basis for Setting MRLs for Veterinary Drugs



Procedures for establishing MRLs for veterinary drugs

The Food Sanitation Act (law)

Article 7 (Standards and Specifications concerning Foods or Food Additives)

(1) The Minister of Food and Drug Safety shall determine and publicly announce the following matters concerning foods or food additives for sale, if necessary for public health:

Article 7–3 (Request, etc. for Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides, etc.)

(1) Any person who needs the establishment of maximum residue limits of pesticides under the Pesticide Control Act that remain on or in food, or veterinary drugs under the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act shall file an application with the Minister of Food and Drug Safety.

The Enforcement Rule of the Food Sanitation Act (ordinance of the Prime Minister)

Article 5–2 (Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides or Veterinary Drugs)

(1) Any person who wants to file an application for establishment of a maximum residue limit for a pesticide or a veterinary drug in food (hereinafter referred to as "MRL") pursuant to Article 7–3 (1) of the Act shall submit the application for MRL establishment (including electronic application) in Form 1 to the Minister of Food and Drug Safety.

Basis for Setting MRLs for Veterinary Drugs



Standards and Specifications for Foods a (Notice of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)

[Annex 7] Guidelines on Establishing Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides and Veterinary Drugs in Food

Article 3 (Scope of Application) Pesticides and veterinary drugs subject to establishment of maximum residue limits for food pursuant to Article 7 (1) of the Act are as follows:

(1) Domestic food

- 1. Domestically registered pesticides and veterinary drugs
- 2. Pesticides and veterinary drugs for which an application for domestic registration has been filed
- 3. Pesticides that require establishment of MRL as they have been used in the past or remain in the environment for a long time
- 4. Other pesticides and veterinary drugs recognized as necessary by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety (hereinafter referred to as "MFDS")

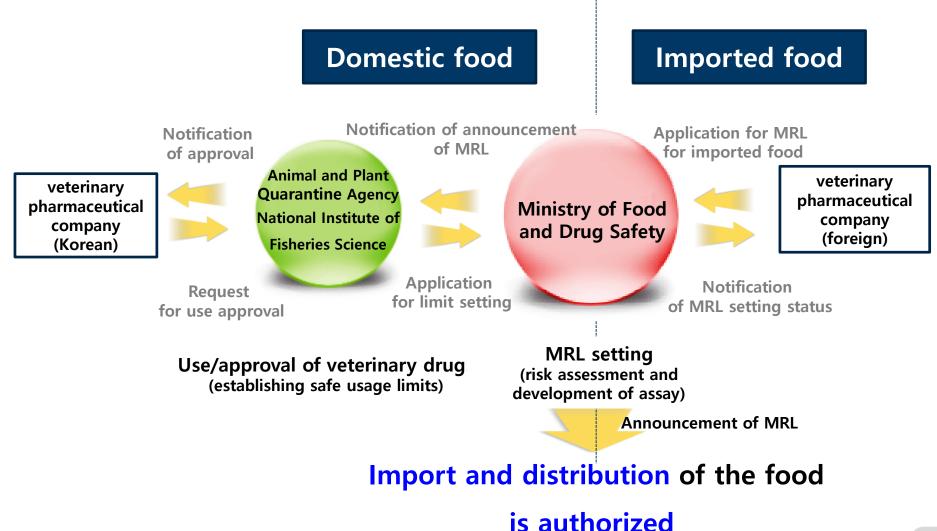
(2) Imported food

- 1. Pesticides and veterinary drugs that have not been registered in Korea, but are registered and have their maximum residue limits established overseas
- 2. Pesticides that require establishment of MRL as they have been used in the past or remain in the environment for a long time
- 3. Other pesticides and veterinary drugs recognized as necessary by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety

 (hereinafter referred to as "MFDS")

Procedures for Establishing MRLs for Veterinary Drugs





Flowchart on Veterinary Drug MRL Setting



Domestic food

Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency, National Institute of Fisheries Science, and veterinary pharmaceutical companies

Safety data production (A. Toxicity; B. Persistence)

Application for MRL setting

Notification of MRL setting

A. Toxicity; B. Persistence Data Review

Safe

Hazardous

Hazardous

Application for MRL setting

Notification of MRL setting

Imported food

Veterinary pharmaceutical company

Safety data production (A. Toxicity; B. Persistence)

- Toxicity: acute, chronic, carcinogenic, reproductive toxicity, etc.
- Persistence: Review of residue data and assay procedures submitted by applicants according to safe usage limits

Not allowed to set MRL

* When checking genotoxicity, carcinogenicity, etc.

Exposure evaluation

A. Human body exposure limit

setting; **B**. MRL (proposal) development

Veterinary drugs: TMDI \leq ADI veterinary drugs: TMDI \gt ADI

Limit setting

Reassessm ent of MRL

- ◆ Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI): Amount that can be ingested daily
- ◆ Theoretical Maximum Daily Intake (TMDI): Maximum amount of a veterinary drug that can be ingested in a day

Procedures for notification of MRLs for veterinary drugs



Request for standard establishing

(Animal and plant quarantine agency, National fishery products quality management, Company, etc)

Ministry of Food and Drug Safety

Proposals for MRLs

Expert review committee

(Research institutes, universities, and 12 people from the Institute)

Administrative notice

(Collection of domestic and foreign opinions: 60 days)

Livestock sanitation deliberation committee

(13 people in universities, consumers, etc.)

Notification

Risk assessment, development of testing methods

(National Institute of Food and Drug Safety Evaluation)

Regulation review

(Prime Minister's Office)



Status of MRL Setting for Veterinary Drugs



Food standards and specifications (Food Code)

Veterinary drugs that are not authorized to manufacture or import due to safety problems under related laws and regulations

• Substances designated by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety as potentially harmful to the human body

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Veterinary drugs that have been approved for use in Korea and applied for MRLs (the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency and the National Institute of Fisheries Science)

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With MRL for food
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 Substances that do not harm human body or do not remain in livestock and fishery products



Standard s for veterinary drug residues in food



Food standards and specifications (Food Code 2021)

Food Code

2021





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Standard s for veterinary drug residues in food



Food standards and specifications (Food Code)

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Substances That Should Not Be Detected in Food



Food Code 8) MRLs for veterinary drugs (1) Application of MRLs for veterinary drug residue in food

(1) Veterinary drugs that are not authorized to manufacture or import because they are identified as having safety problems according to laws and regulations and the substances designated by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety as potentially harmful to the human body should not be detected.

The key substances subject to this clause are as follows, and this clause can be applied to substances not specified below in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Applicable regulations: Regulations on Drug Products Containing Substance with a Safety or Efficacy Problem (Notices of the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency and the National Institute of Fisheries Science)

Substances That Should Not Be Detected in Food



BI.	Substa	ances That Should Not Be Detected in Food ⁻¹
No	Substance Name	Definition of Residue
	Nitrofurans	
	- Furazolidone	3-Amino-2-oxazolidinone(AOZ)
	- Furaltadone	3-Amino-5-morpholinomethyl-2-oxazolidinone (AMOZ)
1	- Nitrofurazone	 Semicarbazide (SEM): Applicable only to the edible part of unheated livestock products and animal fishery products (including simple cutting, excluding crustaceans) Nitrofurazone: Applicable only to crustaceans
	- Nitrofurantoin	1-Aminohydantoin(AHD)
	– Nitrovin	Nitrovin
2	Carbadox	Quinoxaline-2-carboxylic acid (QCA)
3	Olaquindox	3-methyl quinoxaline-2-carboxylic acid (MQCA)
4	Chloramphenicol	Chloramphenicol
5	Chlorpromazine	Chlorpromazine
6	Clenbuterol	Clenbuterol
7	Colchicine	Colchicine
8	Dapsone	Summed total of dapsone and monoacetyl dapson
9	Diethylstilbestrol (DES)	Diethylstilbestrol
10	Medroxyprogesterone acetate (MPA)	Medroxyprogesterone acetate
11	Thiouracil	Summed total of 2-thiouracil, 6-methyl-2-thiouracil, 6-propyl- 2-thiouracil and 6-phenyl- 2-thiouracil
12	GentianViolet (Crystal violet	Summed total of gentian violet and leuco -gentian violet
13	Malachite green	Summed total of malachite green and leuco-malachite green

Substances That Should Not Be Detected in Food



No	Substances That Should Not Be Detected in Food ⁻¹			
No	Substance Name	Definition of Residue		
14	Methylene Blue	Summed total of methylene blue and azure B		
15	Dimetridazole	Summed total of dimetridazole and 2-hydroxymethyl-1-methyl-5-nitroimidazole(HMMNI)		
16	Ipronidazole	Summed total of Ipronidazole and 1-methyl-2-(2'-hydroxyisopropyl) -5-nitroimidazole (Ipronidaz ole-OH)		
17	Metronidazole	Summed total of metronidazole and 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2 -hydroxymethyl -5-nitroimidazole(Metronidazole-OH)		
18	Ronidazole	Summed total of ronidazole and 2-hydroxymethyl-1-methyl -5-nitroimidazole(HMMNI)		
19	Norfloxacin	Norfloxacin		
20	Ofloxacin	Ofloxacin		
21	Pefloxacin	Pefloxacin		
22	Pyrimethamine	Pyrimethamine		
23	Vancomycin	Vancomycin		
24	Roxarsone	Roxarsone		
25	Arsanilic acid	Arsanilic acid		
26	Salbutamol	Salbutamol ('effective on April 1, 2022)		

^{*} Note 1. Applicable to livestock and animal fishery products and processed foods only.

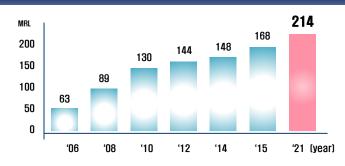
MRLs for Veterinary Drug Residues in Food



Food Code 8) MRLs for veterinary drugs

(2) MRLs for veterinary drug residues in food are shown in [Annex5].

Status of Korean veterinary drug MRLs



Type of livestock	MRL		
Livestock products	Antimicrobial (90), anthelmintic (25), insecticide (20), growth supplement (9), sedative (6), nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory(12), steroid anti-inflammatory(4), antiprotozoal (22), antihistamine (2), antidiarrheal (3), other (12)	205	
Fishery products (fish)	Antimicrobial (46), anthelmintic (2), insecticide (3), antiprotozoal (1), sedative (1), other (1)		
Honey	Antimicrobial (4), anthelmintic (1), insecticide (5)	10	

Status of foreign veterinary drug MRLs

	Korea	CODEX	Japan	EU	US
MRL	214	68	170	140	93

- Completion of MRL setting for veterinary drugs authorized for use in Korea
- MRL setting for veterinary drugs that require MRLs based on information on risks available in Korea and overseas

MRLs for Veterinary Drug Residues in Food



MRLs for individual food items

- The food Standards and Specifications [Annex 5] are applied.
- ✓ For each veterinary drug, the MLR for the specific item is applied.
 e.g., Gentamicin: beef muscle (0.1 mg/kg), beef liver (2.0 mg/kg), and carp, flounder, and trout (0.1 mg/kg)

Food items not listed in [Annex 5]

- By-products
- Edible parts such as internal organs, bones, head, tail, feet, skin, blood, fish roes and intestines of fishery products
- ✓ Livestock products: MRL for the muscle of the animal is applied.
- ✓ Fishery products: MRL for fish is applied.
- Processed food
- ✓ MRL for the raw material is applied according to its content (considering water content).
- Royal jelly and propolis
- ✓ MRL for honey is applied.

Application of MRLs for Veterinary Drugs



Food items with no listed MRL in Food Code

(1) Application of CODEX limits

✓ When CODEX limits have been established for the veterinary drugs for the same types of livestock and for the same drug item

(2) Application of the lower limit for the parts in the limits for similar edible animals

- ✓ Ruminant animals (e.g., cattle and sheep) and horses (non-ruminant animals): minimum levels for the pertaining parts of ruminant animals
- ✓ Non-ruminant animals (pigs): minimum levels for the pertaining parts of non-ruminant animals
- ✓ Poultry, fish, crustaceans: minimum levels for poultry, fish, and crustaceans
- √(e.g., Gentamicin: mudfish → carp (0.1 mg/kg))

(3) Application of 0.03 mg/kg of antibacterial except (1) and (2)

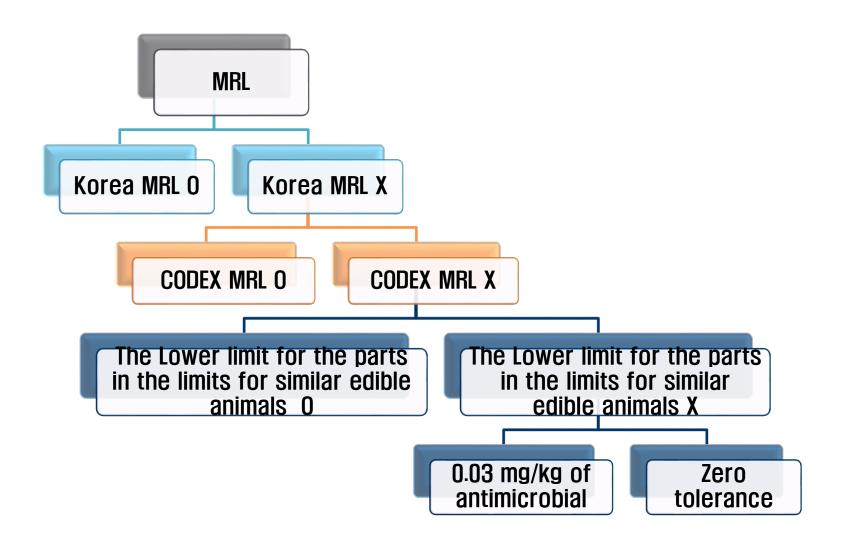
✓ Livestock and fishery products (including milk, eggs, fish oil, and fish roes) and honey (including royal propolis)

(4) Other veterinary drugs

✓ Zero tolerance

Application of MRLs for Veterinary Drugs





Exemption from the veterinary drug MRLs in food



Food Code 8) Maximum Residual Limits (MRLs) for veterinary drugs (3) Exemption from the veterinary drug MRLs in food

- In accordance with the laws of the relevant country with animal medicines and foreign countries permitted under the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act, the establishment of residual acceptance criteria may be exempted if any of the following reasons apply to the valid ingredients contained in legally used animal medicines, and components subject to exemption shall be as shown in [Annex 8].
 - Any of the following normal components, such as human-ingested food, food additives, or animal-ingested food
 - ② In case that it is a clear ingredient that does not normally harm the human body.

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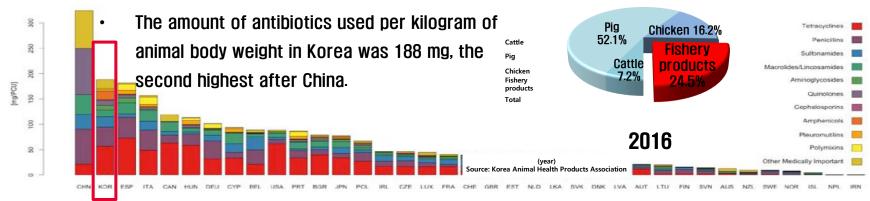
Introduction of PLS for residues for livestock and fishery products



Veterinary Drug Residues Due to Drug Misuse/Abuse

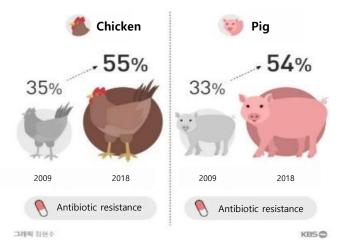


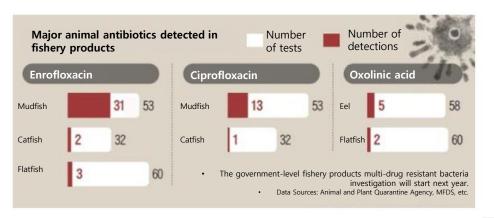
< Comparison of use of antibiotics for animals by country (as of 2013) >



Source: Science 357(6358):1350, As of 2017/2013

Increased concerns about antibiotic resistance in livestock and fishery products





Revising the Uniform Limit Applied to Antimicrobials (antibiotic and synthetic antimicrobials) with No Established Limits





Gravity of antibiotic resistance

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지난 한 주간(9일~13일) 강원도 평창에서는 유에

제내성특별위원회가 열려느대

 Mortality of antibiotic-resistant bacteria is getting higher than that of cancer ... meetings held for discussion (Herald Corporation, 2019)

100,000 super bacteria patients. .. no available beds today [기 대관

국내

Over 10,000 people infected with "no-cure" super bacteria

(Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation, 2019)

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항생제 내성균 공포 알고도 계속 당하나

전 세계적으로 항생제 내성에 슈퍼박테리아'(다제내성균) 상황이다. 우리나라만 해도 매 넌 약 1만명의 환자가 약제대성

김홍빈 분당서울대학교병원 강염내과 교수가 질병관리본부 정책연구용역사업(2017)의 일 표본 추출해 조사한 결과에 따 르면, 연간 발생하는 다제내성 역(단순 신우신역, 복잡성 신우 균 균형증 환자는 70(7명, 다제 신염, 방광염) 등이 있다.

매년 1만여명 감염 추정 사망자는 4000여명 달해

내성아시네토바터바우마니균 (MRAB) 및 메티실린내성황 색포도알균감염(MRPA) 패렴 된다. 이 기운데 3411~3921명 은 내성균으로 인해 사망하는 것으로 추정되며, 이로 인하 질 병 부담은 4631~5501억원에 달 한다. 그러나 이는 10개 의료기 관, 국가가 관리하고 있는 6종 의 한생제 내성균 중 일부에 대 한 추정치이기 때문에 종합병 원이나 요양기관, 지역사회 등 에 퍼져 있는 다른 내성균을 종 합하면 감염 문제는 더 심각할

우리나라는 다른 국가에 비 해 항생제 처방 비율이 높고 납 용 문제도 심각하다. 2017년 기 준 한국의 외래 항생제량은 의 약품 일평균 복용 용량(DDD)

럭개발기구(OECD) 31개국 된 균(18,3DDD)보다 높다. 특히 광범위 항생제에 해당하는 세 팔로스포린과 취늘론 항생제 처방량은 전체 항생제 처방량 의 34.5%를 차지해 OECD 평 균(18.8%)보다 높은 수준이다. 김 교수가 지난해 3월부터 1년 간 국내 항생제 사용실태를 분 석한 결과를 보면, 치료 항생제 처방의 흔한 적용증에는 호흡 기 감염(병원획득 뙈덤, 지역사 회획득 페렴, 인두암, 세균성 부 비동염), 위장관 감염(담도염 답관면, 감염성 설사), 요로감

> 그러나 호흡기 감 염 치료 항생제 처방 건수의 19%, 위장관 감염 치료 항생재 처 반건수의 14%, 요로 감염 치료 함생제 처

방건수의 14.5%는 처방이 부제

고 말한다. 최원석 고려대학교 안산병원 감염대과 교수는 " 내 표에 하계가 생기는 것"이라면 서 "다양한 치료옵션을 확보하 를 써야 하는 질환의 발범 자체 를 줄이는 노력이 필요하다"고 염된 불품, 환경 표면 등의 접촉 을 통해 전파될 수 있기 때문에 간역 과리를 강하려야 하다"고 저해다 유수인 크키뉴스 기자

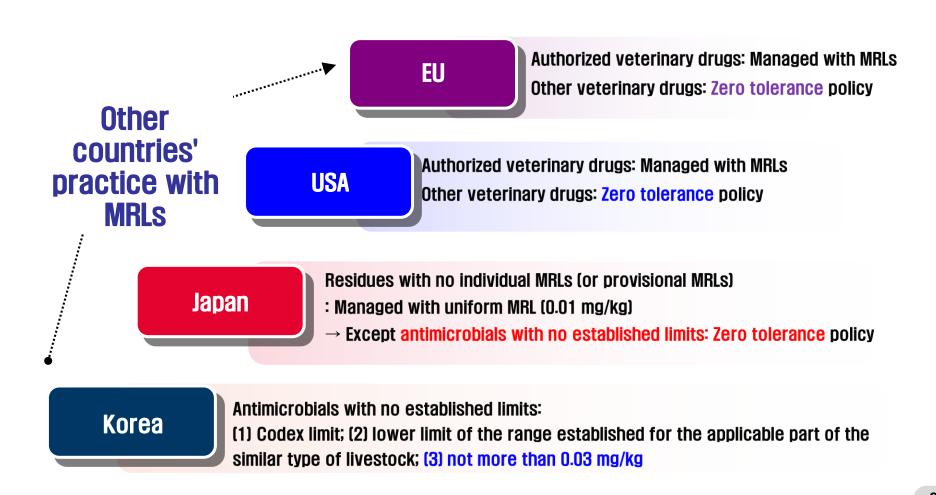
Revising the Uniform Limit Applied to Antimicrobials







Other countries applies "zero tolerance" policy to antimicrobials with no established limits



Revising the Uniform Limit Applied to Antimicrobials (antibiotic and synthetic antimicrobials) with No Established Limits



3 Improving safety control of imported food

- Applying the uniform limit (0.03 mg/kg) to antimicrobials, unlike the exporting countries, which apply tougher limits, creates blind spots in safety control of imported food.
 - * e.g., Antimicrobials that are not authorized for use
 - → Cannot be used in aquaculture in Korea
 - \rightarrow If detected in imported (Canadian) salmon:
 - In Canada, the food item is unacceptable for use according to "zero tolerance" policy;
 - In Korea, it may be cleared the customs if it meets the 0.03 mg/kg criteria.

Revising the Uniform Limit Applied to Antimicrobials





Revising the uniform limit applied to antimicrobials with no established limits $(0.03 \rightarrow 0.01 \text{ mg/kg})$

Administrative notice(Dec 2019) \rightarrow public notice (May 2020) \rightarrow enforcement (Jan 2022)

Current	Revised (Jan 1, 2022)
8) MRLs for veterinary drugs	8) MRLs for veterinary drugs in food
(1) Limits for veterinary drug residue in food are applied	(1) (same as current)
(1) - (4) (skipped)	(1) – (4) (same as current)
(5) For edible animals, etc. with no MRL specified in the notice, the	(5) For edible animals, etc. with no MRL specified in the notice, the
limit specified in each of the following paragraphs shall be	limit specified in each of the following paragraphs shall be
applied successively.	applied successively.
(i) CODEX limit	(i) CODEX limit
(ii) lower limit of the range established for the applicable part of the	(ii) lower limit of the range established for the applicable part of
similar type of livestock	the similar type of livestock
(iii) MRLs for antimicrobials are set at 0.03 mg/kg for livestock and	(iii) MRLs for antimicrobials are set at 0.01 mg/kg for livestock and
fishery products (including milk, eggs, fish oil, and fish roes)	fishery products (including milk, eggs, fish oil, and fish roes)
and honey (including royal ielly and propolis).	and boney (including royal ielly and propolis).

Continuing Risk of Residues in Livestock and Fishery Products





Nitrofuran metabolite detected in US frozen chicken... authority ordered to stop sales and recall

US beef exceeds standards for carcinogenic growth promoters
Ractopamine and vaginal zilpaterol detected... domestic use should be discontinued

Import of frozen salted egg yolk from China stopped due to the detection of banned substances such as "metronidazole" and "ofloxacin" (2019)

Danish chicken imports stopped due to the detection of "nicarbazin" (2019)

Pesticides detected in eggs (2017)



Taiwanese and Thai whiteleg shrimps ordered to be returned/disposed due to "Nitrofuran metabolites" (2020)

- Illegal use of "trifluralin" in shrimp farms (2016)
- Distribution of "livestock antibiotics" to flatfish farms (2015)
- Carcinogenic substances (malachite green) detected in farmed catfish (2014)
- Large amounts of antibiotics and insecticides in Norwegian salmon [2012 & 2015]

Calls for Residue Safety Management for Livestock and Fishery Products



Calls for improved residue safety control system to prevent residues due to misuse/abuse of veterinary drugs and pesticides and stronger safety control of imported livestock and fishery products

President's and Prime Minister's Orders

- To have measures in place to improve food safety control across the government to prevent food safety crisis such as the pesticide-contaminated egg crisis (Aug 2018)
- Joint announcement of "Comprehensive Measures for Food Safety Improvement" by government ministries (Dec 2017)
 - Introduction of livestock and fishery products PLS
- In the wake of the pesticide-contaminated egg crisis (Aug 14, 2017), negative perception of egg safety increased by 34.1%, and consumption decreased by 46.0%, as of July 30th (Korea Rural Economic Institute)

Introduction of PLS in livestock and fishery products



What is Positive List System (PLS)?

- A system designed to manage chemical residues using uniform limits (0.01 mg/kg) except for veterinary drugs and pesticides with MRLs established in response to applications for MRL setting for domestic use or imported food
 - * However, the zero-tolerance policy (quantitation limit of assay) is applied to growth supplements and steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs that may have harmful effects even in trace amounts.

Introduction of PLS in livestock and fishery products



Purpose of implementing PLS (intended effects)

- Improved safety control of veterinary drug residues in domestic livestock and fisher products
 - Preventing misuse/abuse of veterinary drugs (non-compliance with safe usage limits)

- Enhanced safety control of unauthorized residues in imported livestock and fishery products
 - Eliminating the potential sources of chemical residues with no assured safety
 - Preventing authorizing Korean imports and distribution of the livestock and fishery products
 that are unacceptable in other countries

Supplying Koreans with safe livestock and fishery products

Introduction of PLS in livestock and fishery products



Inter-agency coordination for PLS implementation

- Inter-agency Residue Safety Control Council (15 meetings between Jan 2018 and Jun 2021)
- 9 agencies (the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, the Assessment Service, the Rural Development Administration, the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency, the National Institute of Fisheries Science, and the National Fishery Products Quality Management Service)
- Inter-agency working-level meetings (13 meetings between Jan 2018 and Jun 2021)

Review of the plan for phased introduction of the livestock/fishery products PLS

Starting with the veterinary drugs PLS for 5 major livestock products(**Cattle**, **pigs**, **chickens**, **milk**, **and eggs**) and **fish** (scheduled for 2024)

Application of Residue Limits According to Veterinary Drugs PLS (Cattle, Pigs, Chickens, Milk, Eggs, and Fish)



Priority introduction of veterinary drugs for livestock products (cattle, pig, chicken, milk, eggs) and fish

Administrative notice (Dec, 2020) \rightarrow Notification (Jun, 2021) \rightarrow Enforcement (Jan, 2024)

Current	Revision (Jan 1, 2024)
8) MRLs for veterinary drugs	8) MRLs for veterinary drugs in food
(1) Limits for veterinary drug residue in food are applied	(1) (same as current)
(1) - (4) (skipped)	(1) – (4) (same as current)
(5) For edible animals, etc. with <u>no MRL specified</u> in the notice,	⑤ If there is no separate standard for livestock products
the limit specified in each of the following paragraphs	(cattle, pig, chicken, milk, eggs) and fishery products
shall be applied successively.	(fish), less than 0.01 mg/kg is applied.
(i) CODEX limit	However, 'Zero tolerance' applies to growth aids (growth
(ii) lower limit of the range established for the applicable part	promoting, weight increasing ingredients, etc.) and
of the similar type of livestock	steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.
(iii) MRLs for antimicrobials are 0.03 mg/kg (0.01 mg/kg	6 If there is no separate standard for edible animals other
'effective on Jun 1, 2022) '	than ⑤ above, the standards in each of the following
	sections are applied sequentially.
	(same as current)

Application of Residue Limits According to Veterinary Drugs PLS (Cattle, Pigs, Chickens, Milk, Eggs, and Fish)



Current

- Veterinary drugs with established MRLs
 - Apply the MRLs
- Veterinary drugs with no established MRLs
 - CODEX limit
 - Lower limit for the similar edible animal
 - Antimicrobial: 0.03 mg/kg(0.01 mg/kg from Jan 1, 2022)
 - "Zero tolerance" for other veterinary drugs

After Introduction of PLS (2024)

- Veterinary drugs with established MRLs
 - Apply the MRLs
- Veterinary drugs with no established MRLs
 - 0.01 mg/kg

However, "zero tolerance" is applied to growth supplements and steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

Other livestock products and animal fishery products except fish: <u>Current limits are</u> applied

2021 Status of Establishment and Revision of MRLs (Veterinary Drugs)



Establishment and revision of MRLs for veterinary drugs

(Administrative notice scheduled)

- * The Maximum residue limits of amprolium in eggs 4.0 mg/kg
- * Expansion of the items subject to the standard application of the four fish types of veterinary drugs for fishery to fish
 - ⇒ (4 types) gentamicin, thiamphenicol, clindamycin, oxolinic acid

Example

Ingradiant	MRL (mg/kg)		
Ingredient	Current	Revision	
Gentamicin	Flatfish (0.1) Trout (0.1) Carp (0.1)	Fish (0.1)	

2021 Status of Establishment and Revision of MRLs (Veterinary Drugs)



Administrative	Votovinom, Duves	MRL (mg/kg) [Annex5]			
Notice	Veterinary Drugs	Current		Revision	
	Amprolium	-		Eggs (4.0)	
	Gentamicin	Bastard halibut Cherry almon Carp	(0.1) (0.1) (0.1)	Fishes (0.1)	
Announcement No. 2021-288	Oxolinic acid	Japanese amberjack Carp Cherry almon Salmon Ayu sweetfish Common eel	(0.1) (0.1) (0.1) (0.1) (0.1) (0.1)	Fishes (0.1)	
(Jun 30, 2021)	Thiamphenicol	Cherry almon Seabream Amur catfish Ayu sweetfish	(0.05) (0.05) (0.05) (0.05) (0.05) (0.05) (0.05)	Fishes (0.05)	
	Clindamycin	Common eel Bastard halibut	(0.1) (0.1)	Fishes (0.1)	

2021 Status of Establishment and Revision of MRLs (Residues in livestock products)



Administrative	Pestisides	MRL (mg/kg) [Annex6]		
Notice	Pestisides	Current	Revision	
	Lufenuron	-	Mammalian: meat(0.1), fat(2.0), by-products(0.15) Poultry: meat(0.02), fat(0.04), by-products(0.02), Milk(0.15), Eggs(0.02)	
	Metaflumizone	-	Mammalian: meat(0.02), fat(0.02), by-products(0.02) Milk(0.01)	
Announcement	Bifenazate	-	Mammalian: meat(0.01), fat(0.05), by-products(0.01) Poultry: meat(0.01), fat(0.01), by-products(0.01), Milk(0.01), Eggs(0.01)	
No. 2021-288	Cyantraniliprole	-	Mammalian: meat(0.2), fat(0.5), by-products(1.5) Poultry: meat(0.02), fat(0.04), by-products(0.15), Milk(0.6), Eggs(0.2)	
(Jun 30, 2021)	, 2021) Acetamiprid		Mammalian: meat(0.5), fat(0.3), by-products(1.05) Poultry: meat(0.01), fat(0.01), by-products(0.05), Milk(0.2), Eggs(0.01)	
	Etofenprox	-	Mammalian: meat(0.05), fat(0.5), by-products(0.05) Milk(0.02)	
	Tebufenozide	-	Mammalian : meat(0.01), fat(0.05), by-products(0.02) Poultry : meat(0.02), fat(0.02) Milk(0.01), Eggs(0.02)	



Reference Import Tolerance Application



Import Tolerance



What is an Import Tolerance?

An MRL established for veterinary drugs and pesticides that pose no threats to the human body, based on the safety assessment with livestock and fishery products used according to foreign regulations despite no established Korean MRLs

Regulatory Bases

- Article 7–3 (Request, etc. for Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides, etc.) of the Food Sanitation Act
- Enforcement Rule of the Food Sanitation Act
 - Article 5-2 (Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides or Veterinary Drugs)
 - Article 5-3 (Change of Maximum Residue Limits, etc.)
- Food Code [Annex7] Guidelines for Setting Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides and Veterinary Drugs in Food



Import Tolerance



IT System on Imported Foods

IT is set

- On the pesticides legally approved in exporting country
- At the level that have no risk concern in public health
- By evaluating scientific evidence (toxicity and residue data)

IT System is

- Operated under legal evidence(Korea: Food Sanitation Act)
- Procure labor force and budget for annual data evaluation
- Scientific and rational principles (but health safety of the citizens is the priority)

Filing an Import Tolerance Application

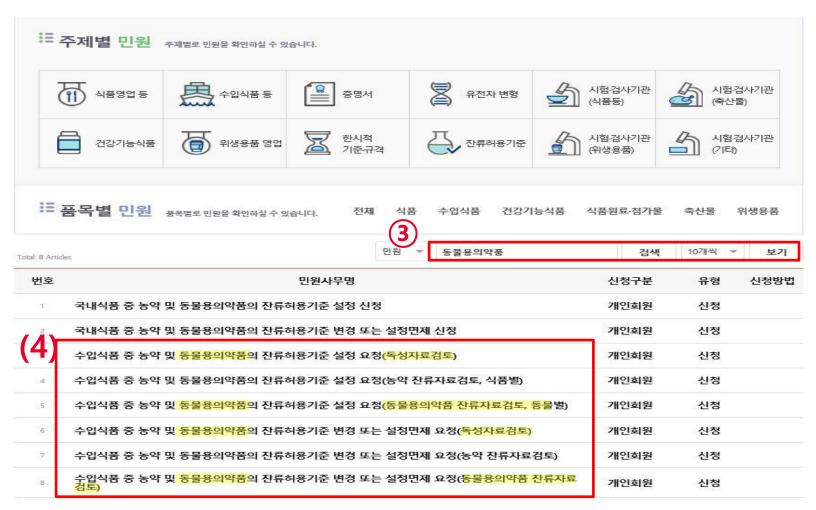




- 1. Access the Food Safety Korea website (www.foodsafetykorea.go.kr), and select [Integrated Civil Service Consultation Service] (* Account login required)
- [e-civil service] > [e-civil service application]

Filing an Import Tolerance Application





- 3. Type [pesticide or veterinary drugs] in the civil service search box and click Search.
- 4. Choose the type of service.

Filing an Import Tolerance Application



Fee by application type

Name of Civil Service			Handlin g Period	Fee
New MRL application	Residue data review	Veterinary drugs (by animal type)	12 months	KRW 10,000,000
		Pesticide (by food item)		KRW 5,000,000
	Toxicity data review			KRW 30,000,000
MRL change/exemption application			7 months	KRW 10,000,000

Q&A

- Please write your question "Chat window "
 - We will answer the written questions in order.
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