

# **CABINET ORDER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL LAND SOIL POLLUTION PREVENTION, ETC., LAW**

**Cabinet Order No. 204 of 1971**

**Amended by Cabinet Order No. 219 of 1971**

**No. 375 of 1972, No. 103 of 1975**

**(Specific harmful substances)**

## **Article 1**

The substances prescribed by the Cabinet Order stated in the paragraph 3 of Article 2 of Agricultural Land Soil Pollution Prevention, etc., and Others Law (Hereinafter referred to as Law) shall be the substances listed below.

1. Cadmium and its compounds.
2. Copper and its compounds.
3. Arsenic and its compounds.

**(Requirements for Designation of Agricultural Land Soil Pollution Policy Areas)**

## **Article 2**

The requirements prescribed by the Cabinet Order stated in the paragraph 1 of Article 3 of the Law shall be as follows.

- (1) The amount of cadmium contained in the rice produced in the agricultural land lying in the area is recognized to be higher than 1 mg per 1 kg of rice.
- (2) The area lies in the vicinity of the area, prescribed in the preceding item under the following requirements prescribed in A and B, and has high possibility that the amount of cadmium contained in the rice produced in the agricultural land within it is higher than 1 mg per 1 kg of rice, judging from the amount of cadmium contained in the rice produced in the agricultural land, the distance between the land and the area prescribed in the preceding item and other geographical conditions.
  - A. The amount of cadmium contained in the soil in the agricultural land within the area is higher than that in the soil in the agricultural land within the area prescribed in the preceding item.
  - B. The soil texture of the agricultural land within the area are substantially same to those within the area prescribed in the preceding item.
- (3) The amount of copper in the soil in the agricultural land (restricted to paddy field) within the area is recognized to be higher than 125 mg per 1 kg of soil.
- (4) The amount of arsenic in the soil in the agricultural land

(restricted to paddy field. The same shall be referred to hereinafter in this item.) within the area recognized to be higher than 15 mg per 1 kg of soil (some other amount in the range higher than 10 mg but lower than 20 mg per 1 kg of soil which is determined by a prefectural governor with approval of the Director-General of the Environment Agency, in case the amount is not recognized suitable for prevention of crop from growth inhibition because the area has specific natural conditions.)

2. The testing methods concerning the amounts of cadmium, copper and arsenic for judging if an area comes under the requirements prescribed in each item of the preceding paragraph are established by the Ministerial Ordinance of Prime Minister's Office.