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Heading	The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan – A notice regarding a recall of 農事組合法人熊谷農進「あきたこまち玄米」 (秋田小町米) rice product in Japan due to the presence of excessive cadmium.
The incident	The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan issued a notice regarding a recall of 農事組合法人熊谷農進「あきたこまち玄米」 (秋田小町米) rice product in Japan due to the presence of excessive cadmium. Recalled product: Product name: あきたこまち玄米 (秋田小町米) (rice product) Sales dates: ① 9/24, ② 10/1, 10/18, 11/27, ③ 10/2, ④ 10/17, ⑤ 10/5-11/27
	Details of product being recalled are listed in the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan.
Source	Website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (in Japanese) https://ifas.mhlw.go.jp/faspub/_link.do?i=IO_S020502&p=RCL2025 00689 Website of the Consumer Affairs Agency, Government of Japan (in Japanese) https://www.recall.caa.go.jp/result/detail.php?rcl=00000033644&screenkbn=06 Website of the Akita Prefecture of Japan (in Japanese) https://www.pref.akita.lg.jp/pages/archive/88452
Position of CFS	Information on product distribution outside Japan is not available from the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and

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Welfare of Japan. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) is investigating whether the affected product has been imported to Hong Kong and is contacting the relevant authority for further information. Preliminary investigation did not identify local sale or import of the affected product.

- Acquisition of the product through online purchase or international travel cannot be excluded.
- Consumers should discard the product and not consume it.
- CFS will remain vigilant and monitor for any new development and take appropriate actions when necessary.
- Investigation by CFS is ongoing.

Additional information

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