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**Agenda Item 15**

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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS**

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### **Comments of Japan**

Repeatedly Japan commented in the past, that as for additional fish species for which maximum levels for methylmercury are to be set, it is necessary to take into consideration the trade volume of fish species (import volume or export volume).

Japan is pleased to provide the trade volume data (import volume in the world) obtained from the FAO statistics as shown below.

In addition, some fish species, such as snake mackerel, barracuda, orange roughy and snapper contain chemical substances, which, upon substantial consumption, will show adverse health effects.

(See below)

## Fish Import in the World (t) (FAO FishStat)

Species for consideration by CCCF	Average import volume (2010–2016)	Import volume > Marlin (5,125 t)	Ingestion may lead in adverse health effect in large amount
Snake mackerel	—		Yes
Toothfish	23,660	Yes	
Ling	11,188	Yes	
Cusk-eel	5,959	Yes	
Sablefish	9,015	Yes	
Anglerfish	69,565	Yes	
Barracuda	—		Yes
Catfish	495,241	Yes	
Orange roughy	56		Yes
Cutlassfish	—		
Snapper	17,334	Yes	Yes
Cardinalfish	—		
Hapuku	—		
Short nosed chimera	—		
Species for future data collection	Average import volume (2010–2016)	Import volume > Marlin (5,125 t)	/
Sea bass	77,611	Yes	
Spanish mackerel	4,416		
Phycid hake	—		
Pike	46		
Sturgeon	916		
Grouper	10,707	Yes	
Agreed species for setting MLs	Average import volume (2010–2016)	/	
Tuna	1,574,984		
Alfonsino	—		
Marlin	5,125		
Shark	102,145		