

Provisions for Surveillance and Monitoring of Antibacterial and Antifungal Products

1. Objective

These detailed rules stipulate the rules for monitoring of antibacterial products and antifungal products that are commercially available in Japan or the countries listed in Attached Table of the Operating Manual for the Admission Provisions, and products bearing the SIAA brand mark, to allow consumers to choose commodities at ease, and hence help promoting the sound evolution and advance of relevant industries, and raising the standard of living for consumers.

2. Scope

- 1) Surveillance and monitoring of products bearing the SIAA brand mark
- 2) Surveillance of products marketed by members of this society with an indication of antibacterial or antifungal nature
- 3) Surveillance of products marketed by non-member vendors with an indication of antibacterial or antifungal nature, and grasp the actual status of the market

3. Commodity Information

Information shall be obtained from member voluntary registration lists, shops, catalogues, publications, TV commercial messages, the Internet etc.

4. Surveillance Procedures

1) Purchasing surveys

A list of commodities to be purchased in the year shall be fixed on the basis of commodity information, bearing in mind the provisions of Term 2 (Scope) of these detailed rules and the actual purchasing results for various categories of products in the past, and a purchasing survey shall be performed.

Concerning commodities that are difficult for this society to purchase from the market due to reasons such as it being expensive, its size being too large, only a partial part being an antibacterial treatment portion etc., this society also may request the member companies that have registered such commodities to investigate such provided commodities or their antibacterial treatment portion, instead of purchasing such commodities.

2) Shop surveys

For commodities exhibited on shops, labeling and terminology shall be investigated.

3) Collection surveys of advertisements and publications

Labeling and terminology shall be investigated.

4) Examination and utilization of attached documents on voluntary registration

For all attached documents on voluntary registration, labeling and terminology shall be investigated, and the findings shall be utilized for surveys.

5) Concerning the antibacterial products voluntarily registered by foreign corporations, this society shall request to submit for investigation such actual product or its partial sample and a catalog etc.

5. Surveillance and Monitoring Items for Confirmation

The following items shall be investigated:

- 1) Product classification

- 2) Trade name
 - 3) Manufacturer
 - 4) Month and year of manufacture
 - 5) Vendor
 - 6) Place of purchase of the commodity
 - 7) Month purchased
 - 8) Antibacterial and antifungal agents used,
 - 9) Antibacterial and antifungal treatment portion
 - 10) Antibacterial and antifungal treatment methods
 - 11) Compliance of products bearing the SIAA brand mark with the “SIAA Brand Mark Management and Operation Provisions”
 - 12) Antibacterial and antifungal labeling methods
 - 13) Instructions for antibacterial and antifungal applications (cautions etc.)
 - 14) Price
 - 15) Antibacterial and antifungal effect (initial stage)
Antibacterial and antifungal effect (durability)
6. Antibacterial and Antifungal Power Evaluation Test
Antibacterial or antifungal power evaluation tests shall be performed using antibacterial or antifungal power evaluation test methods specified by this society, contracted to a JNLA-certified test institution.
7. Reporting of Surveillance Results
- 1) Surveillance and monitoring results shall be discussed at meetings of the Market Development Committee and the actual status of antibacterial markets shall be described by status (member/non-member), field, etc.
 - 2) Surveillance and monitoring results shall be reported to the Board of Standing Directors in pursuit of their effective utilization.
 - 3) Regarding the results of purchasing surveys on products of members of this society, members shall be individually notified of the results and, if any problematic finding is revealed, shall be encouraged to take remedial measures.
8. Miscellaneous
Handling of matters not stipulated in these detailed rules shall be determined in consultation with the Board of Standing Directors.

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