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Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA), in partnership with the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) and the TRAC© consortium, announces the release of a new service and label for companies exporting products to Japan.

The Japan Positive List Compliance Program is designed to provide buyers with assurance that labeled products conform to the current Japan Positive List limits for chemical residue in agricultural commodities. The program provides a means to monitor grain production processes from planting through conditioning and packaging for shipment to Japan.

The service bring third-party oversight to validate grower training, chemical applications, and field histories, then tracks the product from seed to final shipping container. Residue testing is focused on the most current Japanese Positive List requirements for chemical residues. Products meeting the standards will be eligible to be labeled with the AOSCA IP logo. For more details, contact MCIA at 1-800-510-6242 or visit us on the web at www.mncia.org