

The JFTC issued Cease and Desist Order to the JA Fukui Prefectural Economic Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) today issued cease and desist order to the JA Fukui Prefectural Economic Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives (hereinafter referred to as the “JA Fukui Keizairen”), finding that they substantially restrained competition in the field of the country elevator works (Note) ordered by the agricultural cooperatives in Fukui prefecture by controlling the business activities of bid participants through designating successful bidders and managing to have the designated successful bidders win the biddings.

Before issuing the cease and desist order, the JFTC had notified the JA Fukui Keizairen of the content of the proposed order and provided it with opportunity to present its opinion and submit evidence. The JFTC issued the order taking the opinion and the evidence submitted into consideration. A recipient dissatisfied with the JFTC order may request, within sixty days of the date on which the transcript of the order was served, the JFTC to initiate hearing procedure regarding the order.

(Note) “Country elevator” means a facility for drying, husking and storage of grains.