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Japan warns of chemical in fish

TOKYO (Reuter). — Fish caught near Japan could be dangerously contaminated by the poisonous chemical compound polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB), the Japanese government warned Thursday.

Symptoms of PCB poisoning in humans are nausea, vomiting, sealing of the upper eyelid, weakness of the limbs, deformation of the nails and some skin troubles. Excessive consumption can lead to death.

Environment and fisheries agencies said 3 per cent of 589 samples from 59 species of fish and shellfish tested from 11 different areas exceeded the government's provisional maximum tolerable limit of three parts of PCB per million.

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