### NOTIFICATION

1. **Notifying Member:** JAPAN  
   If applicable, name of local government involved:

2. **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)

3. **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):**
   - Meat and edible meat offal (HS Codes: 02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 02.04, 02.05, 02.06, 02.07, 02.08 and 02.09)
   - Dairy produce, birds' eggs and natural honey (HS Codes: 04.01, 04.07, 04.08 and 04.09)
   - Products of animal origin (HS Code: 05.04)
   - Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS Codes: 07.01, 07.02, 07.03, 07.04, 07.05, 07.06, 07.07, 07.08, 07.09, 07.10, 07.13 and 07.14)
   - Edible fruits and nuts, peel of citrus/melons (HS Codes: 08.01, 08.02, 08.03, 08.04, 08.05, 08.06, 08.07, 08.08, 08.09, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.14)
   - Coffee, tea, mate and spices (HS Codes: 09.01, 09.02, 09.03, 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10)
   - Cereals (HS Codes: 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07 and 10.08)
   - Oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits (HS Codes: 12.01, 12.02, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06, 12.07, 12.10 and 12.12)
   - Animal or vegetable fats and oils (HS Codes: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06)
   - Cacao and cacao preparations (HS Code: 18.01)

4. **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  
   - [X] All trading partners  
   - [ ] Specific regions or countries:

5. **Title of the notified document:** Revision of the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act (revision of agricultural chemical residue standards). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 5  
   [http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/JPN/17_3500_00_e.pdf](http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/JPN/17_3500_00_e.pdf)

6. **Description of content:** Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical:  
   Pesticide/Veterinary drug: Fipronil.

7. **Objective and rationale:**  
   - [X] food safety,  
   - [ ] animal health,  
   - [ ] plant protection,  
   - [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease,  
   - [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**

- [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*: Pesticide Residues in Food and feed – Pesticide Index – 202 Fipronil

- [ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:

- [ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:

- [ ] None

**Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**

- [X] Yes  [ ] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

   Food Sanitation Act (available in English). When adopted, these MRLs are to be published in Kampo (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese).

10. **Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.

    **Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.

11. **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):** These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period of grace.

    - [ ] Trade facilitating measure

12. **Final date for comments:** [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 October 2017. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes).

    **Agency or authority designated to handle comments:** [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

13. **Text(s) available from:** [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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