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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA)
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): • Natural honey (HS code: 04.09) • Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS codes: 07.02, 07.03, 07.04, 07.05, 07.06, 07.07, 07.09, 07.10 and 07.14) • Edible fruit and peel of citrus fruit (HS codes: 08.04, 08.05, 08.07, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.14) • Spices (HS codes: 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10) • Cereals (HS code: 10.06) • Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit (HS codes: 12.07 and 12.12)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Revision of the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. under the Food Sanitation Act (Revision of agricultural chemical residue standards). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/JPN/25_06206_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Proposal of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Picarbutrazox.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ 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: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): ☐ 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? ☐ 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 of the comment period. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date of 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: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 November 2025. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and/or white circles in attached annexes). Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
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