



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA)
<b>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):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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)</li><li>• Dairy produce, birds' eggs and natural honey (HS codes: 04.01, 04.07, 04.08 and 04.09)</li><li>• Animal originated products (HS code: 05.04)</li><li>• Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS codes: 07.01, 07.02, 07.03, 07.04, 07.05, 07.06, 07.07, 07.09 and 07.10)</li><li>• Edible fruit (HS codes: 08.07, 08.10 and 08.11)</li><li>• Mate and spices (HS codes: 09.03 and 09.10)</li><li>• Cereals (HS code: 10.06)</li><li>• Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit (HS code: 12.12)</li><li>• Animal fats and oils (HS codes: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06)</li></ul>
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Revision of the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. under the Food Sanitation Act (Revision of agricultural chemical residue standards). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_02364_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_02364_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposal of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Propamocarb.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Pesticide Residues in Food and feed – Pesticide Index – 148 – Propamocarb <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b>

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> Lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce) and Spinach: Although the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) has set the MRL for Propamocarb on or in Lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce) and Spinach at 100 ppm and 40 ppm, respectively, CAA is proposing not to set the MRLs for these commodities. As a part of the review process of the pesticide, CAA has evaluated whether the current MRLs are safe or any changes to the MRLs are necessary or appropriate. Hence, CAA has updated the current exposure assessment through the inclusion of additional information from the food safety commission. Our assessment indicates that aggregate exposure will exceed the limit of ADI if CAA adopts the CXLs of the pesticide for these commodities. Since alternative country trials data are not available, CAA has decided not to establish the MRLs for these products. Instead, the default limit (0.01 ppm) will be applied to them. In this way, CAA is able to make sure that an adequate margin of exposure exists for ADI and ARfD. Consequently, there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will come to our general population, or specifically to infants and children, from aggregate exposure to the residues of the pesticide.</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Food Sanitation Act (available in English at <a href="https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/ja/laws/view/3687">https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/ja/laws/view/3687</a>). When adopted, these MRLs are to be published in Kampo (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese).</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period of grace.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 4 July 2026. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and/or white circles in attached annexes).</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a></p>