NOTIFICATION

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| **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):**   * 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 nuts, peel of citrus fruit (HS codes: 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:**  **[****X]** **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/2023/SPS/JPN/23\_09929\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/JPN/23_09929_00_e.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Proposal of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical:  Pesticide: Picarbutrazox. |
| **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:**  **[****]** **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)*:**  **[****X]** **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: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 30 July 2023. 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, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** |
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