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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
<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>- Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS Codes: 03.02, 03.03, 03.04, 03.06 and 03.07)</li><li>- Dairy produce, birds' eggs and natural honey (HS Codes: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08)</li><li>- Products of animal origin (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, 07.08, 07.09, 07.10, 07.13 and 07.14)</li><li>- 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)</li><li>- 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)</li><li>- Cereals (HS Codes: 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07 and 10.08)</li><li>- 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)</li><li>- Animal or vegetable fats and oils (HS Codes: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06)</li><li>- Cacao and cacao preparations (HS Code: 18.01)</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 Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act (revision of agricultural chemical residue standards). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 92 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/JPN/17_3526_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/JPN/17_3526_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (MHLW) will withdraw all the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following 56 agricultural chemicals due to lack of data. The 56 agricultural chemicals are not registered or approved in Japan, and/or do not have any Codex MRLs. Some countries set MRLs for some of these chemicals, but the MHLW could not confirm sufficient data for risk assessment and MRL setting. Those MRLs were provisionally set without full risk assessment over ten years ago, and it is difficult to maintain those MRLs anymore unless sufficient data for risk assessment and MRL setting are provided. Therefore the MHLW has decided to delete all the MRLs for the 56 substances.  Those substances have not been detected in any imported foods in Japan for the last five years according to monitoring data on agricultural chemicals residue conducted by the MHLW. Japan is of the view that the deletion of the MRLs is unlikely to have negative impact on the current international trade.

<p>Pesticides: 2-(1-Naphthyl)acetamide, 2,2-DPA, Bensulide, Butoxydim, Carbetamide, Carbonyl sulphide, Chloroneb, Clodinafop acid, Cycloate, Endothal, Florasulam, Flupropanate, Furathiocarb, Imazamethabenz methyl ester, Metosulam, Naphthalophos, Oxabetrinil, Oxycarboxin, Pebulate, Phosphamidon, Pyriithiobac-sodium, Sec-Butylamine, Tebuthiuron, Terbutryn, Tolyfloxysulfuron</p> <p>Pesticide/Veterinary drugs: Azamethiphos, Phenothrin, Tetrachlorvinphos</p> <p>Veterinary drugs: Aliphatic alcohol ethoxylates, Aspoxicillin, Baquiloprim, Buquinolate, Cefacetriple, Famphur, Fenprostalene, Haloxon, Kitasamycin, Laidlomycin, Methylbenzoquate(Nequinate), Metoserpate hydrochloride, Novobiocin, Oxacillin, Polymyxine B, Sulfabenzamide, Sulfabromomethazine sodium, Sulfacetamide, Sulfaethoxypyridazine, Sulfaguanidine, Sulfamerazine, Sulfamethoxypyridazine, Sulfanilamide, Sulfanitran, Sulfapyridine, Sulfatroxazole, Temephos, Tripeleppamine</p>
<p><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.</p>
<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Food Sanitation Act (available in English). 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 for the comment period.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 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"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 October 2017</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>