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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):** Food additive (Metatartaric acid) |
| **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:** Amendment to the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Food Sanitation Act and the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 3 pages.<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_5986_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Authorization of metatartaric acid as a food additive and establishment of the specifications and the standards. |
| **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:** The Food Sanitation Act. When adopted, this amendment will be published in *Kampo,* the Japanese Government Gazette (available in Japanese).  |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** As soon as possible.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** As soon as possible. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** As soon as possible after publication.**[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** **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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