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):** Food additive (Azoxystrobin) |
| **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 Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc.**Language(s):** Available in English. **Number of pages:** 2<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_6204_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Revision of the existing specifications and standards for Azoxystrobin. |
| **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:****[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** Pesticide Residues in Food and feed - Pesticide Index -229- Azoxystrobin**[ ]****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 [****X]** **No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** Japan maintains MRLs in citrus natsudaidai (whole), lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime and other citrus fruits (10ppm) because the current Codex MRL (15ppm) accommodates post-harvest treatment. Post-harvest use of fungicide needs specific permission in Japan and the use of Azoxystrobin under which the MRL of 15 ppm is derived is not permitted yet. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Food Sanitation Act. When adopted, this amendment will be published in *Kampo,* the official Japanese Governmental 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)*:** These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period.**[****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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