NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) |
| **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):** Pet food (HS Code 23.09 Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding) |
| **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 "Ministerial Ordinance on Specifications and Standards of Pet Food" (Ordinance No. 1 of 28 April 2009 of the Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the Environment).**Language(s):** . **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** MAFF will revise the Maximum level of Arsenic in pet food from "Arsenic 15 μg/g" to "Inorganic Arsenic (sum of As(Ⅲ) and As(Ⅴ)) 2 μg/g" in "Ministerial Ordinance on Specifications and Standards of Pet Food" (Ordinance No. 1 of 28 April 2009 of the Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the Environment). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X]****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:** This amendment is to be publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.  The Current Ministerial ordinance is available from the URL;  Japanese  <https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=421M60001200001>  English  <http://www.famic.go.jp/ffis/pet/obj/sub1e_seibunkikaku.pdf> |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:**  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 11 January 2021  **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:**  Standards Information Service  International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku  Tokyo 100-8919, Japan  Tel: +(813) 5501 8344  Fax: +(813) 5501 8343  E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp) |
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