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):** Alkaline protease as a feed additive |
| **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 the Specifications and Standards of Feeds and Feed Additives" (Ordinance No. 35 of 24 July 1976 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry).**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** MAFF will amend the "specifications for method of manufacture of feed in general" stipulated in the "Ministerial Ordinance on the Specifications and Standards of Feeds and Feed Additives" (Ordinance No. 35 of 24 July 1976 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry) as follows:  (Current)  Alkaline Protease No. 3 is allowed to be used as a feed additive for broilers and layers only.  (Proposed amendment)  Alkaline Protease No. 3 is allowed to be used as a feed additive for pigs, broilers and layers only. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****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 (available in Japanese).  The current Ministerial Ordinance is available from the URL: <https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=351M50010000035>. |
| **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: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 28 February 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: +(81 3) 5501 8344  Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343  E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |
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