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 (Argon) |
| **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:** 4<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/JPN/19_1551_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Authorization of Argon as a food additive and establishment of the standards and the specifications. |
| **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)*:**CODEX ALIMENTARIUS VOLUME ONE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION, Section 5.7,1991**[ ]** **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?** **[****X] 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 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)*:** 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)*:** Not applicable**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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