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):**   * Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS codes: 07.01, 07.02, 07.03, 07.04, 07.05, 07.07, 07.09 and 07.10) * Edible fruit and peel of citrus fruit (HS codes: 08.04, 08.05, 08.06, 08.07, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.14) * Spices (HS codes: 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10) * Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit (HS codes: 12.01 and 12.07) |
| **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:** Revision of the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act (revision of agricultural chemical residue standards).**Language(s):** Available in English. **Number of pages:** 2 pages.  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_0537_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**  Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical.  Pesticide: Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl. |
| **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:**  Food Sanitation Act (Available in English). When adopted, these MRLs are to be published in Kampo (Official Government Gazette) (Available in Japanese). |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period. |
| **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 of grace.  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 March 2020. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes)  **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:**  Japan Enquiry Point  International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Fax: +(813) 5501 8343  E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Japan Enquiry Point  International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Fax: +(813) 5501 8343  E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |