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 (Iso-α-bitter Acids), Higher Fatty Acid (Caprylic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Capric Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Stearic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Palmitic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Behenic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Myristic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Lauric Acid), Quicklime and Ethyl Acetoacetate. |
| **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 Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives Etc.**Language(s):** English **Number of pages:** 20 pages  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_0627_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Establishment of the specifications for Iso-α-bitter Acids, Higher Fatty Acid (Caprylic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Capric Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Stearic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Palmitic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Behenic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Myristic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Lauric Acid) and Quicklime, and revision of the specifications for Ethyl Acetoacetate. |
| **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:** The Food Sanitation Act. When adopted, this revision will be published in *Kampo,* the Japanese Government Gazette (available in Japanese) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** As soon as possible after publication.  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 28 March 2020  **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 |