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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Benzoic acid as a feed additive |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: |
| 5. | Title of the notified document: Proposed revision of Ministerial Ordinance on the Specifications and Standards of Feeds and Feed Additives. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/JPN/25_04467_00_e.pdf |
| 6. | Description of content: MAFF will revise the standard for method of manufacture of feeds 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). With this amendment, benzoic acid imported into Japan as a feed additive will be allowed to use for pig feeds regardless of pigs' body weight. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests. |
| 8. | Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: |

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| 9. | Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: This revision 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 . This revision is also notified under the TBT Agreement. |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): August 2025 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): August 2025 |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): August 2025 [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: 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 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: 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 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |