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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA)
3.	<b>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):</b> Food additives (Potassium Metabisulfite, Sodium Hydrosulfite, Sodium Metabisulfite, Sodium Sulfite, Sulfur Dioxide, and Zinc Gluconate)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Revision of the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. Under the Food Sanitation Act. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_00445_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_00445_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Revision of the standards for use for Potassium Metabisulfite, Sodium Hydrosulfite, Sodium Metabisulfite, Sodium Sulfite, Sulfur Dioxide, and Zinc Gluconate based on the change of use amount of target foods and the revision of a target food name.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Food Sanitation Act (available in English at: <a href="https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/ja/laws/view/3687">https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/ja/laws/view/3687</a> ). When adopted, this revision will be published in <i>Kampo</i> , the Official Government Gazette (available in Japanese).
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> After a certain period of the final date for comments.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> After a certain period of the final date for comments.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after publication.  <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 23 March 2026  <b>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:</b>
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