



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
<b>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):</b> Acetylcysteine as a feed additive.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed revision of Ministerial Ordinance on the Specifications and Standards of Feeds and Feed Additives.. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_02153_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_02153_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> MAFF will designate Acetylcysteine as a feed additive and set the standards and specifications for feed and feed additives to "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, under the "Ministerial Ordinance on the Specifications and Standards of Feeds and Feed Additives", Acetylcysteine that meets the specifications and standards as a feed additive will become eligible for import into Japan.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <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 <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>

9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<p>This revision is to be publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted. The current Ministerial Ordinance is available from the URL:  <a href="https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=351M50010000035">https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=351M50010000035</a></p> <p>This revision is also notified under the TBT Agreement. (available in Japanese)</p>	
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> May 2026 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> May 2026
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> May 2026 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b>
12.	<b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable. <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> <p>Japan Enquiry Point  International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Fax: +(8131) 5501 8343  E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a></p>
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