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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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): Maize (HS code: 10.05) and hay (HS code: 12.13, 12.14) for feed									
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:									
5.	Title of the notified document: Amendments to the Enforcement Ordinance of the Standards of Feed and Feed Additives (Amendment of an agricultural chemical residue standard: Acephate). Language(s): English. Number of pages:									
6.	Description of content: Proposal for the amendments of the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the agricultural chemical: Acephate. <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Commodity (for feed)</th><th>Proposed MRL(mg/kg)</th><th>Current MRL(mg/kg)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Maize</td><td>0.3</td><td>0.5</td></tr><tr><td>Hay</td><td>0.4</td><td>3</td></tr></tbody></table> Note: - Residue definition for enforcement: Sum of acephate and its metabolite methamidophos converted to acephate. - Hay includes hay and fodder (dry), straw, forage (green) and silage. The MRL is set as 90% dry matter base.	Commodity (for feed)	Proposed MRL(mg/kg)	Current MRL(mg/kg)	Maize	0.3	0.5	Hay	0.4	3
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7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ 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): ☒ 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: These amendments are to be publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted (available in Japanese). The current MRLs list for feed is available at the following website (available in English): http://www.famic.go.jp/ffis/feed/r_safety/r_feeds_safety.html .
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): December 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): December 2026
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 September 2026 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: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp
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