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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): Guanidinoacetic acid as a feed additive
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: 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/2026/SPS/JPN/26_05090_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: MAFF will amend the standard for method of manufacture of feeds in general stipulated in "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, guanidinoacetic acid imported into Japan as a feed additive will be permitted for use at a maximum inclusion level of 0.12% in feed for pigs and all chickens except hens, thereby increasing the maximum permitted level and expanding the scope of authorized animal species.
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: 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): October 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): October 2026
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): October 2026 [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: 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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