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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
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): Beverages (HS Code: 22.02)
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: Revision of the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/JPN/17_1901_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Gutzeit method, which is regulated as a method to detect arsenic in non-alcoholic beverages except for mineral waters, will be deleted.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. 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:
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Food Sanitation Act (available in English). When adopted, this amendment will be published in <i>Kampo</i> , the official Japanese Governmental Gazette (available in Japanese).

10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This proposed standard will take effect after a certain period of grace.</p> <p>[] Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 June 2017</p> <p>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:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>