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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

## NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: JAPAN
	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):
	<ul> <li>Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS Codes: 07.09 and 07.10)</li> <li>Edible fruits and nuts, peel of citrus/melons (HS Codes: 08.14)</li> <li>Coffee, tea, mate and spices (HS Codes: 09.03, 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10)</li> <li>Oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits (HS Code: 12.12)</li> </ul>
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[] Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Revision of the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act (revision of agricultural chemical residue standards) <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18 0345 00 e.pdf
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical:
	Pesticide: Desmedipham
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] 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 ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ):
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[X] 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:** Food Sanitation Act (available in English). When adopted, these MRLs are to be published in Kampo (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese). (available in Japanese)
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.

**Proposed date of publication (***dd/mm/yy***):** As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.

**11. Proposed date of entry into force:** [] **Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** *(dd/mm/yy)*: These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period of grace.

## [] Trade facilitating measure

**12.** Final date for comments: **[X]** Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 13 March 2018. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles in attached annexes).

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:

## **13.** Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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