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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**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 Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Meat and edible meat offal (HS Codes: 02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 02.04, 02.05, 02.06, 02.07, 02.08 and 02.09);</li><li>– Dairy produce, birds eggs and natural honey (HS Codes: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08);</li><li>– Products of animal origin (HS Codes: 05.04);</li><li>– Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS Codes: 07.01, 07.02, 07.03, 07.04, 07.05, 07.06, 07.07, 07.08, 07.09, 07.10, 07.13 and 07.14);</li><li>– Edible fruits and nuts, peel of citrus/melons (HS Codes: 08.01, 08.02, 08.03, 08.04, 08.05, 08.06, 08.07, 08.08, 08.09, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.14);</li><li>– Coffee, tea, mate and spices (HS Codes: 09.02, 09.03, 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10);</li><li>– Cereals (HS Codes: 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07 and 10.08);</li><li>– Oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits (HS Codes: 12.01, 12.02, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06, 12.07, 12.10 and 12.12);</li><li>– Animal or vegetable fats and oils (HS Codes: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06).</li></ul>
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. 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> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_2590_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_2590_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical. Pesticide: Methamidophos
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Pesticide Residues in Food and feed – Pesticide Index –100– Methamidophos</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p> <p>Rice and milk</p> <p>The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (MHLW) conducted dietary exposure assessment for Methamidophos on the basis of national consumption data. The dietary exposure to Methamidophos estimated by using the STMR of the supervised residue trials submitted to the JMPR and national food consumption data of these commodities would exceed an ADI of 0.00056 mg/kg bw/day which was set by the Food Safety Commission of Japan. Therefore Japan proposes deletion of the MRL in rice and milk since Methamidophos is not permitted for use in rice and milk in Japan and there are no supporting data submitted.</p> <p>Other vegetables</p> <p>MHLW conducted dietary exposure assessment for Methamidophos on the basis of national consumption data. If highest residue (HR) values specified in the JMPR report are used in the calculation, the estimated short-term dietary intake for other vegetables may exceed an ARfD of 0.003mg/kg bodyweight which was established by the Food Safety Commission of Japan. Therefore Japan proposes the draft MRL for other vegetables based on the supervised residue trials for such plants which were conducted according to the Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) in Japan.</p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Food Sanitation Act (available in English). When adopted, these MRLs are to be published in Kampo (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period of grace.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 23 July 2018. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes)</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority,</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>

**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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