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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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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)- Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS Codes: 03.02, 03.03 and 03.04)- Dairy produce, birds' eggs and natural honey (HS Codes: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08)- Products of animal origin (HS Code: 05.04)- 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)- Edible fruits and nuts, peel of citrus/melons (HS Codes: 08.02, 08.04, 08.05, 08.06, 08.07, 08.08, 08.09, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.14)- Coffee, tea, mate and spices (HS Codes: 09.03, 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10)- Cereals (HS Codes: 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07 and 10.08)- Oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits (HS Codes: 12.01, 12.02, 12.06, 12.07, 12.10 and 12.12)- Animal or vegetable fats and oils (HS Codes: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06)- Cacao and cacao preparations (HS Codes: 18.01)
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 (revision of agricultural chemical residue standards). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_4073_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Metalaxyl and Metalaxyl-M.
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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Pesticide Residues in Food and feed - Pesticide Index - 138 - Metalaxyl</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p> <p><u>Water melon</u> The portion of commodities to which MRLs apply and which are analyzed are different from that of Codex for some commodities such as water melon. The portion of the commodity to which is analyzed in Japan is "edible portions after removal of inedible peel", while that of Codex is "whole commodity after removal of stems". As such, Japan proposes MRL in water melon (0.1 ppm) based on residue data from supervised trials which were conducted according to the Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) in Japan, instead of Codex MRL.</p> <p><u>Dried pepper</u> The current MRL of 10 ppm in dried pepper will be deleted because the MRL of 1 ppm in other solanaceous vegetables has been set on the basis of the Codex MRL. MRLs in raw agricultural commodities apply to their processed commodities (including dried pepper) taking into account the processing factors (the JMPR estimated the processing factor of 10 for dried pepper). Therefore, the deletion of MRL in dried pepper will not strengthen the current regulation.</p>
<p>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)</p>
<p>10. 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>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period of grace.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 September 2018 Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes).</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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>