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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: 02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 02.04, 02.05, 02.06, 02.07, 02.08 and 02.09);</li><li>- Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS: 03.02, 03.03, 03.04, 03.06 and 03.07);</li><li>- Dairy produce, birds' eggs and natural honey (HS: 04.01, 04.07, 04.08 and 04.09);</li><li>- Products of animal origin (HS: 05.04);</li><li>- Animal or vegetable fats and oils (HS: 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> 2 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_4802_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_4802_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical Veterinary drug: Betamethasone
<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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>	
<b>9.</b>	<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)
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period of grace. <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 9 November 2018. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes). <b>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:</b>
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