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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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): Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS codes: 07.01, 07.02, 07.03, 07.04, 07.05, 07.07, 07.09 and 07.10) Edible fruit and peel of citrus fruit (HS codes: 08.04, 08.05, 08.06, 08.07, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.14) Spices (HS codes: 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10) Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit (HS codes: 12.01 and 12.07) 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [X] 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): Available in English. Number of pages: 2 pages. https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20 0537 00 e.pdf 6. **Description of content:** Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical. Pesticide: Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl. 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 (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): 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).
- **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): 20 March 2020. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white 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:

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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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