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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): Food additive (Iso- α -bitter Acids), Higher Fatty Acid (Caprylic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Capric Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Stearic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Palmitic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Behenic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Myristic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Lauric Acid), Quicklime and Ethyl Acetoacetate.
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 Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives Etc. Language(s): English Number of pages: 20 pages https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_0627_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Establishment of the specifications for Iso- α -bitter Acids, Higher Fatty Acid (Caprylic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Capric Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Stearic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Palmitic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Behenic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Myristic Acid), Higher Fatty Acid (Lauric Acid) and Quicklime, and revision of the specifications for Ethyl Acetoacetate.
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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: The Food Sanitation Act. When adopted, this revision will be published in <i>Kampo</i> , the Japanese Government Gazette (available in Japanese)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after publication. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
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 March 2020 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: Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(813) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp
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