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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):
  - 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, 03.04, 03.06, 03.07 and 03.08)
  - Dairy produce and birds' eggs (HS codes: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08)
  - Animal originated products (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 fruit, nuts and peel of citrus fruit (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)
  - 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)
  - Cereals (HS codes: 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07 and 10.08)
  - Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit (HS codes: 12.01, 12.02, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06, 12.07, 12.10 and 12.12)
  - Animal fats and oils (HS codes: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **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:** 6 pages.

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20 2287 00 e.pdf

**6. Description of content:** Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical

Pesticide: Benfuracarb

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.	<b>Proposed date of adoption </b> (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.
	<b>Proposed date of publication </b> (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): 31 May 2020 Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes)
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