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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 Codes: 02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 02.04, 02.05, 02.06, 02.07, 02.08 and 02.09)</li><li>- Dairy produce, birds' eggs and natural honey (HS Codes: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08)</li><li>- Products of animal origin (HS Code: 05.04)</li><li>- Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS Codes: 07.09, 07.10 and 07.13)</li><li>- Cereals (HS Code: 10.05)</li><li>- Oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits (HS Codes: 12.01 and 12.12)</li><li>- Animal or vegetable fats and oils (HS Codes: 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"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<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="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/JPN/15_4879_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/JPN/15_4879_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Isoxaflutole.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) Pesticide Residues in Food - Pesticide Index – 268 Isoxaflutole <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><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).</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <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>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 7 February 2016. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes).</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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>