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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): Cereals (HS Code: 10.06)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] 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): English Number of pages: 1

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/JPN/15_4877_00_e.pdf

- 6. Description of content: Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Benzofenap.
- 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*): 7 February 2016. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black 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:

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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