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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 utensils, containers and packaging
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 Standards and Specifications for Foods, Food Additives, etc. under the Food Sanitation Act Language(s): English Number of pages: 2 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/JPN/16_0457_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Establishment of specifications and standards for utensils, containers, and packaging made of synthetic resins whose main component is polyethylene naphthalate. For greater transparency, this revision is also notified through TBT notification.
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 (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) <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 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 (available in English). When adopted, amendment is 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): 3 April 2016 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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