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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fish (HS Codes: 03.02, 03.03)- Fish fillets and other fish meat (HS Code: 03.04)- Crustaceans, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS Code: 03.06)- Molluscs, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS Code: 03.07)- Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS Code: 03.08)- Meat of whales (HS Code: 0208.40) |
| 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 and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act Language(s): English Number of pages: 1 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/JPN/16_0615_00_e.pdf |
| 6. Description of content: Revising the standards to allow the use of carbon dioxide as a pH regulator for sodium hypochlorite used as a disinfectant, during processing of fresh fish and shellfish to be eaten raw, oysters to be eaten raw, and frozen foods. |
| 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 |

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| 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 and Standards for Food, Food Additives, etc. When adopted, these revisions are to be published in "Kampo" (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese). |
| 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): | As soon as possible. |
| Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): | As soon as possible. |
| 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): | As soon as possible after publication. |
| [X] Trade facilitating measure | |
| 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): | Not applicable |
| 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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