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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, 02.04, 02.05, 02.06 and 02.08)</li><li>- Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS Codes: 03.02, 03.03 and 03.04)</li><li>- Dairy produce (HS Code: 04.01)</li><li>- Animal originated products (HS Code: 05.04)</li><li>- Animal fats and oils (HS Codes: 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"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Revision of the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. under the Food Sanitation Act (Revision of agricultural chemical residue standards). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/JPN/21_5529_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/JPN/21_5529_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposal of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Veterinary drug: Albendazole.
<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"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Veterinary drug Residues in Food - Albendazole <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

<p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p> <p>Cattle fat, Cattle kidney, Cattle liver, Milk, Cattle muscle</p> <p>Other terrestrial mammals fat, Other terrestrial mammals kidney, Other terrestrial mammals liver and Other terrestrial mammals muscle</p> <p>In regard to Codex, MRLs are analysed as 2-amino-benzimidazole (metabolite I) and expressed as parent drug equivalents. In Japan, the residue definition is albendazole 2-amino sulphone (metabolite I) : [5-(Propylsulfonyl)-1H-benzimidazole-2-amine] ([6-(propylsulfonyl)-1H-benzimidazole-2-amine]), not expressed as the parent compound.</p>
<p><b>9. 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>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> In due course. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> In due course.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period. <b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable <b>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:</b></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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>