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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1.  | <b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2.  | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3.  | <b>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> Food additive (Asparaginase)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4.  | <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners<br><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5.  | <b>Title of the notified document:</b> Amendment the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 8<br><a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/JPN/16_2161_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/JPN/16_2161_00_e.pdf</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6.  | <b>Description of content:</b> Revision of specifications for Asparaginase.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7.  | <b>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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8.  | <b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)<br><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)<br><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None<br><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> |
| 9.  | <b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Food Sanitation Law. When adopted, this amendment will be published in Kampo, the official Japanese Governmental Gazette (available in Japanese).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10. | <b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible.<br><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>11.</b> | <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after publication.<br><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable<br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <b>[X] National Enquiry Point.</b> Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: |
| <b>13.</b> | <b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <b>[X] National Enquiry Point.</b> Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:<br><br>Japan Enquiry Point<br>International Trade Division<br>Economic Affairs Bureau<br>Ministry of Foreign Affairs<br>Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343<br>E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp         |