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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

1.	Notifying Member: JAPAN
	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 additives
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[ ] Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Revision of the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. under the Food Sanitation Act. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 11
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/JPN/23 09386 00 e.pdf
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> To establish the specifications for some non-synthetic food additives and to revise the existing standards and specifications such as testing methods.
7.	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:
	[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CODEX STAN 192-1995
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
	[X] 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, this amendment will be published in Kampo, the official Japanese Governmental Gazette (available in Japanese).

10. **Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): In principle, one year from the date of publication.
  - Trade facilitating measure []
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 2 July 2023

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