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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

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 nationa schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):
	 Natural honey (HS code: 04.09) Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS codes: 07.02, 07.03, 07.04, 07.05, 07.06, 07.07, 07.09, 07.10 and 07.14) Edible fruit and nuts, peel of citrus fruit (HS codes: 08.05, 08.07, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.14)
	 Spices (HS codes: 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10) Cereals (HS code: 10.06) Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit (HS codes: 12.07)
	and 12.12)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Revision of the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. under the Food Sanitation Act (Revision of agricultural chemica residue standards). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/JPN/23 09929 00 e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Proposal of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Picarbutrazox.
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:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[X] None

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Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]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, these MRLs are 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 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)***:** 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*): 30 July 2023. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and/or white circles in attached annexes).

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:

13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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