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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> JAPAN <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 (Polyvinyl Alcohol)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Amendment to the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Food Sanitation Act and the Specifications and Standards for Food Additives, Etc. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/JPN/23_14066_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/JPN/23_14066_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Authorization of Polyvinyl Alcohol as a food additive and establishment of the specifications and the standards.
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> <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 <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <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 Act (available in English). When adopted, this revision is to be published in <i>Kampo</i> (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese).

10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible.
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after publication. <b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b>
12.	<b>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>
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