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

## NOTIFICATION

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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):
	<ul> <li>Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS Codes: 03.02, 03.03, 03.04, 03.06 and 03.07)</li> <li>Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS Codes: 07.01, 07.09 and 07.10)</li> <li>Coffee, tea, mate and spices (HS Code: 09.03)</li> <li>Cereals (HS Code: 10.06)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits (HS Code: 12.12)</li> </ul>
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 Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act (Revision of agricultural chemical residue standards). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1
	http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/JPN/16 5214 00 e.pdf
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Thifluzamide.
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
	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 for the comment period.

**Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** As soon as possible after the final date for 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): 17 February 2017. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and 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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