



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 national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS Codes: 07.02, 07.09, 07.10 and 07.13)- Edible fruits and nuts, peel of citrus/melons (HS Code: 08.14)- Coffee, tea, mate and spices (HS Codes: 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10)- Cereals (HS Codes: 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.07 and 10.08)- Oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits (HS Codes: 12.01, 12.02, 12.04, 12.05, 12.07 and 12.12)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Revision of the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act (Revision of agricultural chemical residue standards). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/JPN/16_5213_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Thifensulfuron methyl.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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 Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:	
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