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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Mineral water (HS Code: 22.01)
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. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 pages. https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_4594_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Japan will revise the specifications of Hexavalent chromium, Chloroacetic acid, Dichloroacetic acid, and Trichloroacetic acid for mineral waters.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CODEX STAN 108-1981 <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 type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Certain specifications do not match completely the Codex standard because there is a part that conforms to water quality standards based on the Waterworks Act of Japan.

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 <i>Kampo</i> , the official Japanese Governmental 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period of grace. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 September 2020 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
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