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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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> 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 chemical 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: <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

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	<p>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).</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date of the comment period.</p>
11.	<p>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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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).</p> <p>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:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <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:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>