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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">• Meat and edible meat offal (HS codes: 02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 02.04, 02.05, 02.06, 02.07, 02.08 and 02.09)• Dairy produce and birds' eggs (HS codes: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08)• Animal originated products (HS code: 05.04)• Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS codes: 07.01, 07.02, 07.03, 07.04, 07.05, 07.06, 07.07, 07.08, 07.09, 07.10, 07.13 and 07.14)• Edible fruit and nuts, peel of citrus fruit (HS codes: 08.01, 08.02, 08.03, 08.04, 08.05, 08.06, 08.07, 08.08, 08.09, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.14)• Coffee, tea, mate and spices (HS codes: 09.01, 09.02, 09.03, 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, 10.06, 10.07 and 10.08)• Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit (HS codes: 12.01, 12.02, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06, 12.07, 12.10 and 12.12)• Animal fats and oils (HS codes: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06)• Cocoa and cocoa preparations (HS code: 18.01)
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 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: 6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/JPN/23_11529_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Proposal of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Iprodione.
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:

Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Pesticide Residues in Food and feed – Pesticide Index – 111 – Iprodione

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

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:

Rice (brown rice):

Although the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) has set the MRL at 10 ppm on or in this commodity, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (MHLW) is proposing to revoke current MRL on or in this commodity. The Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSC) has recently issued new assessment for Iprodione that resulted in lower acceptable daily intake (ADI). As a part of the review of this pesticide, the MHLW has evaluated whether existing MRLs are safe, whether any changes to existing MRLs are necessary or appropriate. For this purpose, the MHLW has updated the current exposure assessment to include this additional information. According to our assessment, aggregate exposure will exceed the limit of ADI if the MHLW establishes CAC MRL on or in this commodity. Since alternative domestic trials data for this commodity is not available, the MHLW has decided to revoke the current MRL on or in this commodity. The uniform limit (0.01 ppm) will be applied to this commodity after the revocation. As a result, the MHLW is able to make sure that an adequate margin of exposure exists for ADI and ARfD. Thus the MHLW concludes that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to our general population, or specifically to infants and children, from aggregate exposure to the residues of Iprodione.

Broccoli:

Although the CAC has set the MRL at 25 ppm on or in this commodity and our new setting is to be lower than the corresponding CAC MRL, the MHLW is proposing to lower current MRL on or in this commodity. The FSC has recently issued new assessment for Iprodione that resulted in lower acceptable daily intake (ADI). As a part of the review of this pesticide, the MHLW has evaluated whether existing MRLs are safe, whether any changes to existing MRLs are necessary or appropriate. For this purpose, the MHLW has updated the current exposure assessment to include this additional information. According to our assessment, aggregate exposure will exceed the limit of ADI if the MHLW establishes CAC MRL on or in this commodity. Thus the MHLW has decided to revise the MRL at 0.01 ppm on or in this commodity based on an expert-based estimate. As a result, the MHLW is able to make sure that an adequate margin of exposure exists for ADI and ARfD. The MHLW concludes that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to our general population, or specifically to infants and children, from aggregate exposure to the residues of Iprodione.

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 of the comment period.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date of 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.
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12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 October 2023. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and/or white circles in attached annexes).
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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