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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
<b>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):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 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)</li><li>- Dairy produce and birds' eggs (HS Codes: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08)</li><li>- Animal originated products (HS Code: 05.04)</li><li>- Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS Codes: 07.01, 07.02, 07.03, 07.04, 07.06, 07.08, 07.09, 07.10, 07.13 and 07.14)</li><li>- Edible fruit and nuts, peel of citrus fruit (HS Codes: 08.03, 08.04, 08.05, 08.08, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.14)</li><li>- Coffee and spices (HS Codes: 09.01, 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10)</li><li>- Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit (HS Codes: 12.01, 12.02, 12.06, 12.07 and 12.12)</li><li>- Animal fats and oils (HS Codes: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06)</li></ul>
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. 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> 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_6521_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_6521_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Pesticide: Fluazifop-butyl.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Pesticide Residues in Food and feed - pesticide Index - 283 - Fluazifop-butyl

**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:**

Soybeans, dry, onion and garlic

The dietary exposure of fluzifop-butyl estimated by using the STMR of the supervised residue trials submitted to the JMPR and national food consumption data of these commodities would exceed an ADI of 0.0044 mg/kg bw/day which was set by the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSC). Therefore, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (MHLW) has decided to set the MRLs for these commodities based on the residue data from the USA or domestic supervised residue trials.

Sugarcane, lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce), apple, quince, nectarine, apricot, japanese plum (including prune), cherry, other berries, grape, other fruits pecan, almond, walnut and other nuts

The dietary exposure of fluzifop-butyl estimated by using the STMR of the supervised residue trials submitted to the JMPR and national food consumption data of these commodities would exceed an ADI of 0.0044 mg/kg bw/day which was set by the FSC. Therefore, the MHLW has decided to maintain the current MRLs (i.e. the uniform limit of 0.01 ppm) in these commodities.

Milk

The dietary exposure of fluzifop-butyl estimated by using the STMR of the supervised residue trials submitted to the JMPR and national food consumption data of milk would exceed an ADI of 0.0044 mg/kg bw/day which was set by the FSC. Therefore, the MHLW has decided to set the MRL for milk based on the residue data estimated from the domestic maximum dietary burden (MDB).

Loquat (Pome fruits)

The portion of commodities to which MRLs apply and which are analyzed are different from that of Codex for some commodities such as loquat. The portion of the commodity to which is analyzed in Japan is "whole commodity after removal of stems, skins and stones", while that of Codex is "whole commodity after removal of stems". As such, Japan has decided to delete the current MRL in loquat because information necessary for setting MRLs (i.e. the use of this pesticide and residue trial data for such commodities) is not available, and the uniform limit (0.01 ppm) will be applied to loquat.

Peach (Stone fruits)

The portion of commodities to which MRLs apply and which are analyzed are different from that of Codex for some commodities such as peach. The portion of the commodity to which is analyzed in Japan is "whole commodity after removal of skins and stones", while that of Codex is "whole commodity after removal of stems and stones". As such, Japan doesn't set MRL in peach because information necessary for setting MRL (i.e. the use of this pesticide and residue trial data for such commodities) is not available.

**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.

<b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period of grace. <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 17 February 2019. Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes). <b>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:</b>
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