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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> Utensils, containers and packaging for food and food additives
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Partial amendment to the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. (Ministry of Health and Welfare Notification No. 370 of 1959) and the Ministerial Ordinance on Milk and Milk Products Concerning Compositional Standards, Etc. (Order of the Ministry of Health and Welfare No. 52 of 1951) . <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/JPN/19_5576_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/JPN/19_5576_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Partial revision of the specifications and standards for utensils, containers, and packaging for milk and milk products. (See attachment for the details.)
<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 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 <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> When adopted, this amendment will be published in Kampo (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese).
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> In the winter of 2019. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> In the winter of 2019.
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> In the summer of 2020. <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
12.	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 9 December 2019 <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>  Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp
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