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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): Food additive (Azoxystrobin)
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: Amendment to the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. Language(s): Available in English. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_6204_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Revision of the existing specifications and standards for Azoxystrobin.
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): Pesticide Residues in Food and feed - Pesticide Index -229- Azoxystrobin <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: Japan maintains MRLs in citrus natsudaidai (whole), lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime and other citrus fruits (10ppm) because the current Codex MRL (15ppm) accommodates post-harvest treatment. Post-harvest use of fungicide needs specific permission in Japan and the use of Azoxystrobin under which the MRL of 15 ppm is derived is not permitted yet.

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Food Sanitation Act. 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. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible.
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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 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:
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