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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: 02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 02.04, 02.05, 02.06, 02.07, 02.08 and 02.09)</li><li>- Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS: 03.02, 03.03, 03.04, 03.06, 03.07 and 03.08)</li><li>- Dairy produce and birds' eggs (HS: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08)</li><li>- Animal originated products (HS: 05.04)</li><li>- Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS: 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)</li><li>- Edible fruit, nuts and peel of citrus fruit (HS: 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)</li><li>- Coffee, tea, mate and spices (HS: 09.01, 09.02, 09.03, 09.04, 09.05, 09.06, 09.07, 09.08, 09.09 and 09.10)</li><li>- Cereals (HS: 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07 and 10.08)</li><li>- Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit (HS: 12.01, 12.02, 12.05, 12.06, 12.07, 12.10 and 12.12)</li><li>- Animal fats and oils (HS: 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 Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. under the Food Sanitation Act (revision of agricultural chemical residue standards). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_6205_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_6205_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical Pesticide: Azoxystrobin
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pesticide Residues in Food and feed - Pesticide Index - 229 - Azoxystrobin</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Food Sanitation Act (Available in English). When adopted, these MRLs are to be published in Kampo (Official Government Gazette) (Available in Japanese).</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> These proposed standards will take effect after a certain period of grace.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 18 December 2020 - Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes)</p> <p><b>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:</b></p>
<p><b>13. 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:</b></p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(813) 5501 8343 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a></p>