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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, 02.04, 02.05, 02.06 and 02.08)- Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS Codes: 03.02, 03.03 and 03.04)- Dairy produce (HS Code: 04.01)- Animal originated products (HS Code: 05.04)- Animal fats and oils (HS Codes: 15.02 and 15.06)
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: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/JPN/21_5529_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Proposal of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical: Veterinary drug: Albendazole.
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): Veterinary drug Residues in Food - Albendazole <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

<p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p> <p>Cattle fat, Cattle kidney, Cattle liver, Milk, Cattle muscle</p> <p>Other terrestrial mammals fat, Other terrestrial mammals kidney, Other terrestrial mammals liver and Other terrestrial mammals muscle</p> <p>In regard to Codex, MRLs are analysed as 2-amino-benzimidazole (metabolite I) and expressed as parent drug equivalents. In Japan, the residue definition is albendazole 2-amino sulphone (metabolite I) : [5-(Propylsulfonyl)-1H-benzimidazole-2-amine] ([6-(propylsulfonyl)-1H-benzimidazole-2-amine]), not expressed as the parent compound.</p>
<p>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).</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): In due course. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): In due course.</p>
<p>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. [X] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable 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:</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>