NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan  **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):**   * 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) * Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS: 03.02, 03.03, 03.04, 03.06, 03.07 and 03.08) * Dairy produce and birds' eggs (HS: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08) * Animal originated products (HS: 05.04) * 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) * 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) * 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) * Cereals (HS: 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07 and 10.08) * 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) * Animal fats and oils (HS: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[ ]****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:** 6  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_6205_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following agricultural chemical  Pesticide: Azoxystrobin |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[****X]** **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   **[ ]****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 [****X]** **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 (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.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period. |
| **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 of grace.  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 18 December 2020 - Comments only to updated MRLs (marked with black circles and white circles in attached annexes)  **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:** |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Japan Enquiry Point  International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Fax: +(813) 5501 8343  E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp) |