NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** JAPAN  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Co-formulants (non-active substance used in agricultural chemicals) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Ministerial Order Establishing Cases Defined by Ministerial Order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Ministry of the Environment under Article 4, Paragraph (1), Item (xi) of the Agricultural Chemicals Regulation Act; (5 page(s), in Japanese) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Co-formulants are used together with active substances in agricultural chemicals to stabilize effects of the active substances. To date, there has been no independent regulation on co-formulants, although their safety has been confirmed through acute toxicity studies with formulations of agricultural chemicals containing co-formulants.  In accordance with the report of the Agricultural Chemicals Committee of the Agricultural Materials Council at its thirty-first meeting on June 22nd, 2022 as to the phasing out of certain substances used as co-formulants in order to enhance safety of agricultural chemicals, the proposed Ministerial Order will prohibit the registration of agricultural chemicals containing more than 0.1% w/w of any of the following 33 substances (counted on the CAS number basis), application for which is submitted after October 1st, 2023: acrylamide (CAS no. 79-06-1), amosite (12172-73-5), benzene (71-43-2), benzo[a]pyrene (50-32-8), 1,3-butadiene (106-99-0), chrysotile (12001-29-5), crocidolite (12001-28-4), dibutyl phthalate (84-74-2), 1,2-dichloroethane (107-06-2), diisobutyl phthalate (84-69-5), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (68-12-2), disodium octaborate tetrahydrate (12280-03-4), epichlorohydrin (106-89-8), ethoxylated tallow alkylamines (61791-26-2), ethylene glycol monoethyl ether (110-80-5), ethylene glycol monoethyl ether acetate (111-15-9), ethylene glycol monomethyl ether (109-86-4), ethylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate (110-49-6), ethylene oxide (75-21-8), 1-ethylpyrrolidin-2-one (2687-91-4), formaldehyde (50-00-0), formamide (75-12-7), hydrotreated heavy naphthenic distillates (petroleum) (64742-52-5), hydrotreated neutral oil-based lubricating oils (petroleum) (64741-88-4, 72623-86-0 and 72623-87-1), *N-*methylformamide (123-39-7), nitrobenzene (98-95-3), 2-nitropropane (79-46-9), quinoline (91-22-5), sodium tetraborate (1330-43-4), sodium tetraborate decahydrate (1303-96-4) and sodium tetraborate pentahydrate (12179-04-3). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  These amendments are to be publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted (available in Japanese).  Agricultural Chemicals Regulation Act is available from the URL:  <https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/ja/laws/view/3507> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** April 2023  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 October 2023 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Japan TBT Enquiry Point  International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343  E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/JPN/23_0696_00_x.pdf> |