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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
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">• Fish (HS Codes: 03.02, 03.03)• Fish fillets and other fish meat (HS Code: 03.04)• Crustaceans, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS Code: 03.06)• Molluscs, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS Code: 03.07)• Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS Code: 03.08)• Meat of whales (HS Code: 0208.40)• Aseptically processed and packaged low-acid foods
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: Proposed revision of the Specifications and Standards for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act Language(s): English Number of pages: 1 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/JPN/13_2241_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Revising the standards to allow the use of food additives, such as disinfectants, that have already been designated as additives during processing of seafood intended to be eaten raw and manufacturing of food packed in containers and sterilized by pressurization and heating.
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The food Sanitation Act (available in English). When adopted, these specifications and standards are to be published in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese).</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date for comment period.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date for comment period.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): These proposed standards will take effect as soon as possible after the comment period.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 12 August 2013</p> <p>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:</p>
<p>13. Texts 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:</p> <p>Standards Information Service International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan Tel: +(81) 3 5501 8344 Fax: +(81) 3 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>