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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

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 Codes: 02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 02.04, 02.05, 02.06, 02.07, 02.08 and 02.09) Dairy produce, birds' eggs and natural honey (HS Codes: 04.01, 04.07 and 04.08) Products of animal origin (HS Code: 05.04) Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS Codes: 07.01, 07.08, 07.09 and 07.10) Cereals (HS Codes: 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07 and 10.08) Oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits (HS Codes: 12.01, 12.07 and 12.12) Animal or vegetable fats and oils (HS Codes: 15.01, 15.02 and 15.06) 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [X] [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Revision of the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Law (revision of agricultural chemical residue standards) Language(s): English Number of pages: 5 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/JPN/14_0753_00_e.pdf Description of content: Proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the following 6. agricultural chemicals: Pesticide: Dicamba Veterinary drug/feed additive: Narasin An error was contained in the footnote of the MRLs table for Dicamba in the original notification G/SPS/N/JPN/325 circulated on 11 November 2013. The previous note stated: "MRLs are expressed the sum of dicamba and the metabolite B(3,6-dichloro-2hydroxybenzoic acid), calculated as dicamba, for crop(only for Soybeans, dry), as dicamba for crops (except for Soybeans, dry) and as the sum of dicamba, the metabolite B and conjugate of the metabolite B, calculated as dicamba, for livestock and poultry products."

The correct note should be:

"MRLs are expressed the sum of dicamba, the metabolite B(3,6-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid) and conjugate of the metabolite B, calculated as dicamba, for crop(only for Soybeans, dry), as dicamba for crops (except for Soybeans, dry) and as the sum of dicamba, the metabolite B and conjugate of the metabolite B, calculated as dicamba, for livestock and poultry products."

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)
 - [] 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? [X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- **9.** Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Food Sanitation Law (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*): 14 April 2014. Comments only for dicamba.

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:

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