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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 Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)																		
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): Barley (HS Code: 10.03), wheat (HS Code: 10.01), sorghum (HS Code: 10.07), soybean (HS Code: 12.01), soybean meal (HS Code: 23.04) for feed																		
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: Amendments to the Enforcement Ordinance of the Standards of Feed and Feed Additives (Amendment of an agricultural chemical residue standard) Language(s): English Number of pages:																		
6.	Description of content: Proposal for the establishment of the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for an agricultural chemical (Dicamba). <table border="1"><thead><tr><th><u>Commodity (for feed)</u></th><th><u>Proposed MRL (mg/kg)</u></th><th><u>Current MRL (mg/kg)</u></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Barley</td><td>7</td><td>0.5</td></tr><tr><td>Wheat</td><td>2</td><td>0.5</td></tr><tr><td>Sorghum</td><td>4</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Soybean, dry</td><td>10</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Soybean meal</td><td>10</td><td>-</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Note: MRLs are expressed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– the sum of dicamba, metabolite B (3,6-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid) and conjugate of metabolite B, calculated as dicamba for soybean meal and soybean, dry;– dicamba for barley, wheat and sorghum.	<u>Commodity (for feed)</u>	<u>Proposed MRL (mg/kg)</u>	<u>Current MRL (mg/kg)</u>	Barley	7	0.5	Wheat	2	0.5	Sorghum	4	3	Soybean, dry	10	-	Soybean meal	10	-
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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) The Codex Alimentarius Commission has established MRLs for dicamba for barley, wheat and sorghum. <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 type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" 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: This amendment is to be publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted (available in Japanese).</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): Amendments of the MRLs for soybean and soybean meal will enter into force after at least six months following the date of publication.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure Amendments to the MRLs for barley, wheat and sorghum will enter into force as soon as possible after the date of publication.</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 4 July 2014</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>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>
<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>