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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
3.	<b>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):</b> Meat and edible offal of swine (HS Codes: 02.03, 02.06)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Revision of the Specifications and Standards for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/JPN/15_1478_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/JPN/15_1478_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Establishment of standards for pork (including internal organs) intended to be eaten raw.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM number</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Food Sanitation Act and Standards for Food, Food Additives, etc. When adopted, these revisions are to be published in "Kampo" (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese).

10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> These proposed standards will take effect as soon as possible after the comment period.</p> <p><b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 8 May 2015</p> <p><b>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:</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>