NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan  **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):** Composite feeds for food producing animals and their ingredients |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Amendment of the Maximum Limits or Maximum Levels for contaminants in feed commodities (notification).**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 5  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/JPN/19_2519_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/JPN/19_2519_01_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The MAFF is proposing to establish or modify Maximum Levels for contaminants in composite feeds or in their ingredients for food producing animals on a basis of new scientific data from surveillance/monitoring by MAFF. The proposed levels are set: in accordance with the principle of "as low as reasonably achievable", or ALARA, as mentioned in the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CODEX STAN 193-1995); and ensuring that at the maximum levels, the contaminants of concern will not pose health risk to food producing animals or humans. In addition, the food producing animals (cattle, sheep, goats, deer, pigs, poultry, and quails) to which the feeds are to be given will be specified in the notification when adopted. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [****X]****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:**  **[ ]****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)*:**  **[****X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]****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:** These amendments are to be published in notification of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan when adopted (available in Japanese). |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:**  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 28 June 2019  **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:**  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 |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  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 |