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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
<b>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):</b> Food and food additives, utensils, containers and packaging for food and food additives
<b>4. 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:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Amendment to the Food Sanitation Act. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_0425_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_0425_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The main items in the amendment of the Food Sanitation Act are as follows: a) Strengthening measures taken by national and local governments for interregional food poisoning cases. b) Requirement of food hygiene control based on HACCP principles. c) Establishment of an adverse event reporting system for foods containing the designated substances. d) Improvement of sanitary regulations for utensils, containers and packaging for food and food additives considering international consistency. e) Revision of licensing system and establishment of notification system for food businesses. f) Establishment of a reporting system for food recalls. g) Ensuring safety of imported foods and Legalizing administration related to food export. h) Others (required provisions such as penal provisions).
<b>7. 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.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b>  (b) in item 6: CXC-1-1969  (g) in item 6: CXG-38-2001</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> When adopted, this amendment will be published in <i>KAMPO</i>, the official Japanese Governmental Gazette. (available in Japanese)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> April - July 2018  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> April - July 2018</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> In principle, date to be specified by Cabinet Orders within a period not exceeding two years counting from the day of promulgation.  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 18 March 2018  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>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>