NOTIFICATION

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| **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):** Mineral water (HS Code: 22.01) |
| **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:** Revision of the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Act.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2 pages.<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/JPN/20_4594_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Japan will revise the specifications of Hexavalent chromium, Chloroacetic acid, Dichloroacetic acid, and Trichloroacetic acid for mineral waters. |
| **7.** | **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)*:** CODEX STAN 108-1981**[ ]****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?** **[ ]****Yes [****X]** **No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** Certain specifications do not match completely the Codex standard because there is a part that conforms to water quality standards based on the Waterworks Act of Japan. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Food Sanitation Act (available in English). When adopted, this amendment will be published in *Kampo,* the official Japanese Governmental 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)*:** 28 September 2020**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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