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):** Oats (HS Code:10.04), barley (HS Code:10.03), wheat (HS Code:10.01), maize (HS Code:10.05), milo (HS Code:10.07), rye (HS Code:10.02) and hay (HS Codes:12.13, 12.14) for feed |
| **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:** 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 amendments of the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for an agricultural chemical: Imidacloprid.  Commodity (for feed) Proposed MRL(mg/kg) Current MRL(mg/kg)  Oats 0.04 0.05  Barley 0.04 0.05  Wheat 0.2 0.05  Maize 0.05 0.05  Milo 0.04 0.05  Rye 0.04 0.05  Hay 0.5 0.5  Note: The MRLs are established for the parent compound Imidacloprid only.  Hay includes hay and fodder (dry), straw, forage (green) and silage. The MRL is set as 90% dry matter base. |
| **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)*:**Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) for Pesticides (CAC/MRL 1). The Codex Alimentarius Commission has established the MRL for Imidacloprid for cereal grains\*.  \* Cereal grains include wheat, oats, barley, milo, rye, etc.  **[ ]** **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:** The proposed MRLs for wheat, oats, barley, milo and rye are established for the parent compound Imidacloprid only.  The residue definition of the MRLs for imidacloprid established by Codex is a sum of imidacloprid and its metabolites. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** These amendments are to be publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted (available in Japanese).  The current MRLs list for feed is available at the following website (available in English):  <http://www.famic.go.jp/ffis/feed/r_safety/r_feeds_safety.html>. |
| **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)*:** Amendment of the MRLs for oats, barley, milo and rye will enter into force after at least six months after the date of publication.  **[****X] Trade facilitating measure** Amendment of the MRL for wheat will enter into force at the date of publication. |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 21 January 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 |
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