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 0.05Barley 0.04 0.05Wheat 0.2 0.05Maize 0.05 0.05Milo 0.04 0.05Rye 0.04 0.05Hay 0.5 0.5Note: 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 ServiceInternational Trade DivisionEconomic Affairs BureauMinistry of Foreign Affairs2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-kuTokyo 100-8919, JapanTel: +(81 3) 5501 8344Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |
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