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):** 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 the agricultural chemical: Pendimethalin.Commodity (for feed) Proposed MRL(mg/kg) Current MRL(mg/kg)Hay (only Alfalfa) 150 15Hay (except Alfalfa) 2000 15Residue definition for enforcement: Pendimethalin.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 MRLs for Pendimethalin for alfalfa fodder and hay or fodder of grasses.**[****]** **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:** Hay (only alfalfa): Proposed MRL is calculated from supervised trials residue data on alfalfa (hay) provided in accordance with the guideline of Import Tolerance.Hay (except alfalfa): Proposed MRL is calculated from supervised trials residue data on grass (hay) provided with the guideline of Import Tolerance. |
| **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: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Amendment of the MRLs will enter into force at the date of publication.**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 December 2022**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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