

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Welfare
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Edible vegetable and certain roots and tubers (HS:07), edible fruit and nuts (HS:08.01, 08.02, 08.03, 08.04, 08.05, 08.06, 08.07, 08.09, 08.10, 08.11 and 08.12), coffee (HS:09.01), tea (HS:09.02, ginger (HS:0910.10), cereals (HS:10), oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous seeds and fruit (HS:12.01, 12.02, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06, 12.07, 12.10, 1212.91, 1212.92 and 1212.99), cocoa beans (HS:18.01).
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of the Enforcement Ordinance of the Food Sanitation Law and Specifications for Food (Additional Establishment of Pesticide Residue Standards) (Available in English, 6 pages)
5.	Description of content: Proposed Maximum Residue Limits for 18 agricultural chemicals
6.	Objective and rationale: Public health
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law. These new standards will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: The proposed standards will be adopted as soon as possible after the final date for comments.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: The proposed standards will be adopted as soon as possible after the final date for comments.

11. Final date for comments: 6 August 1998

Agency or authority designated to handle comments:

12. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: