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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

## NOTIFICATION

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): Pet food (HS Code 23.09 Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[] Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Revision of the Ministerial Ordinance of Standards and Specifications for Safety of Pet Food <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The objective of the revision of the Ministerial Ordinance of Standards and Specifications for Safety of Pet Food is to add the maximum levels in pet food for the listed substances as follows:
	Substance Maximum levels in pet food
	(1) sodium nitrite100 μg/g(2) melamine2.5 μg/g
7.	Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [X] 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:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
	[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
	[X] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [] Yes [] No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- **9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** This amendment is to be publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted (available in Japanese).
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** As soon as possible after the final date for comment period.

**Proposed date of publication (***dd/mm/yy***):** As soon as possible after the final date for comment period.

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 1 June 2014

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