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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Agricultural chemicals (HS: 3280 and 29' which is imported as active ingredient of agricultural chemicals)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Standard levels of dioxins in the inspections in agricultural chemicals
5.	Description of content: In accordance with the Article 14.3 of the Agricultural Chemical Regulation Law, Japanese Government establishes the standard levels of dioxins used in the inspections conducted under the said article for agricultural chemicals as impurities, taking account of the feasibility in detection and the toxicity of each dioxin. This draft standard has also been notified according to the TBT Agreement.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The basic law is the Agricultural Chemical Regulation Law (1948, Law No.82)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 2 nd or 3 rd quarter 2002 (to be announced in the Official Gazette)
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 2 nd or 3 rd quarter 2002 (to be announced in the Official Gazette)
11.	Final date for comments: 13 May 2002 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
12.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: