NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Fertilizer (HS: 3102, 3103, 3104, 3105) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Revision of the administrative rule of the Official Standards for Fertilizers (1 page(s), in English; 2 page(s), in Japanese) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Considering technical advancement and needs for complex fertilizers, the MAFF will revise the administrative rule of the Official standards for fertilizer in order to achieve the progress and sustainability of agricultural productivity and to protect human health.  The following agricultural chemicals will be permitted to add a fertilizer as the official standards (Annex 1).  (RS)-1-methyl-2-nitro-3-(tetrahydro-3-furylmethyl)guanidine  potassium(R)-2-(4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)propionate and 2,6-dichlorobenzonitrile |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Cost saving and productivity enhancement |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** The revision of the administrative rule of the official standards of fertilizer is to be published in the Official Gazette, "KAMPO". Full text of the revision of the administrative rules will be available after publication of KAMPO (Available in Japanese). |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** April 2020  **Proposed date of entry into force:** May 2020 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 30 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/JPN/20_2047_00_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/JPN/20_2047_00_e.pdf> |