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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Fertilizer (HS: 3104, 3105)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Draft Amendment of the Official Specifications for Ordinary Fertilizers; (2 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/JPN/26_00995_00_e.pdf Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp
6. Description of content: MAFF will amend the administrative rules for the official specifications of ordinary fertilizers as follows; 1. The government of Japan will amend the standard for " Potassium Silicate Fertilizer". 2. The government of Japan will amend the standard for " Coated Compound Fertilizer". With this amendment, two types of fertilizers will become eligible for import into Japan: (i) Potassium silicate fertilizer made from combustion ash containing biomass resources as raw materials (ii) Coated compound fertilizer coated with chemical fertilizers or liquid fertilizers with lower nitrogen content When importing these fertilizers, prior registration with MAFF will be required, in the same manner as under the existing fertilizer import procedures in Japan.

<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To revise the administrative rules of Act on the Quality Control of Fertilizer for reflecting advancement of agricultural and scientific technology contributes to human health and promotes agricultural productivity.; Protection of human health or safety; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <p>Act on the Quality Control of Fertilizer (1950 Law No.127).</p> <p>When the revision is adopted, relevant documents are to be publicised in the Official Gazette, "KAMPO" (Available in Japanese).</p> <p>Relevant notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• G/TBT/N/JPN/771
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: February 2026</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: March 2026</p>
<p>10. Provision of comments</p> <p>Final date for comments: Not Applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 60 days from notification</p> <p>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>