

## **Overview of Revisions to the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Plants**

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### **I. Objective for revisions**

To reflect practice in the production of organic agricultural products.

### **II. Major points of revisions**

#### **□ Article 4 □**

To allow agricultural substances derived from used papers and in which seeds are zonally enclosed with tape (limited to one whose ingredients are recycled fiber from cotton linter) for general management.

#### **(Attached table 2)**

To add ferric phosphate granulated and potassium bicarbonate wettable powder as permitted substances for plant pest and disease control.

#### **(Attached table 3)**

For permitted substances for preparation:

- i) To revoke DL-tartaric acid, DL-potassium hydrogen tartrate and DL-sodium tartrate.
- ii) To add ripening of kiwifruit to criteria of ethylene use.
- iii) To add potassium alum for prevention against blackening of cut surface of banana bunch.

### **III □ Document subject to revisions**

The document below is subject to revisions, which is provided by the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry products (Law No.175 of 1950):

- Japanese agricultural standards for Organic Plants (Notification No.1605 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of 27 December 2005)