

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <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 should be provided in addition, where applicable): Plant and plant products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Summary of Proposed Amendments of the Enforcement Ordinance of the Plant Protection Law and Concerned Public Notices Language(s): English Number of pages: 32 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/JPN/12_0594_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amendment of the current list of quarantine pests;2. Amendment of the current list of provisional quarantine pests;3. Amendment of the current list of non-quarantine pests;4. Amendment of the current list of area/plant/pest combinations subject to inspection at the growing sites in exporting countries;5. Amendment of the current list of area/plant/pest combinations subject to import prohibition;6. Amendment of the current list of area/plant/pest/requirement combinations subject to phytosanitary measures to be carried out in exporting countries except inspection at the growing sites.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The legal basis of the Enforcement Ordinance is derived from the Plant Protection Law. This amendment will be published in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette), available in Japanese only. The current lists concerning quarantine pest, provisional quarantine pest, non-quarantine pest, growing site inspection and other phytosanitary measures to be carried out in exporting countries and import prohibition are available in English from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries website at: http://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/keneki/kikaku/english-ver.html</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Note that, as an exception, a one-year grace period from the date of publication will be provided for implementing the measure regarding the inspection at the growing site in exporting countries.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 April 2012</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Standards Information Service International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan Tel: +(81 3) 5501 8344 Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>