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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: JAPAN If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) 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: All trading partners [X] [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Proposed revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act, relevant notifications and detailed rules for import plant quarantine enforcement concerning plants subject to specific phytosanitary measures to be carried out in exporting countries. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 98 (5 files) https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/JPN/21 7841 00 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/JPN/21 7841 01 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/JPN/21 7841 02 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/JPN/21 7841 03 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/JPN/21 7841 04 e.pdf 6. Description of content: The MAFF will revise the following regulations to reflect the latest scientific evidence: 1) Proposed revision of quarantine pests on annexed Table 1 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act: Annex 1; 2) Proposed revision of the plants subject to field inspection in exporting countries on annexed Table 1-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act: Annex 2; 3) Proposed revision of the import prohibited plants on annexed Table 2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act: Annex 3; 4) Proposed revision of the plants subject to specific phytosanitary measures to be carried out in exporting countries on annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act and detailed rules for import plant quarantine enforcement concerning plants subject to specific phytosanitary measures to be carried out in exporting countries: Annex 4. 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests. 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):

- [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*):
- [X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 2, 11, 19 and 20

[] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

**9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** The legal basis of the Ordinance is derived from the Plant Protection Act. This revision will be published in "Kampo" (Official Government Gazette), available in Japanese. The current lists are available in English on the website of Plant Protection Station at: <u>http://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/information/language\_top.html</u> (available in English)

**10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined.

**Proposed date of publication (***dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Due to the emergency nature of preventing pests of the most serious concern such as Oriental fruit fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis* species complex) from entering Japan, the proposed revisions will enter into force immediately after the completion of domestic legal procedures, which is expected to take about three months after the distribution of this notification.
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 15 February 2022

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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