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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u> 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): Live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding fruits and including seeds) of the following plants: sweet pepper (chili pepper, shishito pepper, bell pepper) (<i>Capsicum annuum</i>), tomato (including <i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> (syn. <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>), <i>Solanum arcanum</i> , <i>Solanum cheesmaniae</i> , <i>Solanum chilense</i> , <i>Solanum galapagense</i> , <i>Solanum peruvianum</i> , <i>Solanum pimpinellifolium</i>)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☐ All trading partners ☒ Specific regions or countries: Türkiye
5. Title of the notified document: Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing <i>Pepper chat fruit viroid</i> from Türkiye. Language(s): English. Number of pages:
6. Description of content: To prevent the introduction of <i>Pepper chat fruit viroid</i> (PCFVd) into Japan, MAFF has taken emergency measures for the host plants of PCFVd from Türkiye. The measures are taken as follows: (1) For seeds: The plants must fulfill the following specific requirement AND the phytosanitary certificate or the certified copy of the phytosanitary certificate must include additional declaration (see (3)). Either The samples randomly taken from parent plants and ones with suspected symptoms are tested by an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Pepper chat fruit viroid</i> ; or The seeds are tested prior to export by an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Pepper chat fruit viroid</i> ; 4,600 seeds are randomly taken from a lot as samples in accordance with the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) procedures; or in case that the number of seeds of a lot is less than 46,000, 10% of the seeds are used for the testing; they are divided into at most 400 seeds as sub-samples. (2) For Live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seeds and fruits): The plants must fulfill the following specific requirement AND the phytosanitary certificate or the certified copy of the phytosanitary certificate must include additional declaration (see (3)). The plants randomly taken from a lot and plants with suspected symptoms are tested during the growing season or prior to export by an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Pepper chat fruit viroid</i> .

(3) Example of wording for additional declaration: National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) of Türkiye will be required to include an additional declaration stating that "<i>Fulfills item 30 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No 73/1950)</i>" in the phytosanitary certificate or the certified copy of the phytosanitary certificate.
7. Objective and rationale: ☐ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☒ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: MAFF has stipulated PCFVd as one of the important quarantine pests for Japan. To prevent the entry of PCFVd into Japan, an additional declaration should be included in the phytosanitary certificate for the import of host plants of PCFVd originated in Türkiye. This is an urgent action taken prior to the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act, based on the newly confirmed information regarding the presence of PCFVd in Türkiye.
9. 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): ☒ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): IPPC Article 7, ISPM 1 and ISPM 20 ☐ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☒ Yes ☐ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: – Balsak, S. C. (2025) First molecular characterization of pepper chat fruit viroid infecting pepper crops in Turkey. Journal of Plant Diseases and Protection 132: 96. (online), available from https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41348-025-01091-4 – EPPO (2025) Pospiviroid parvicapsici. EPPO Global Database (online), available from https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/PCFVD0/distribution/TR – List of the import prohibited plants (excluding the plants that meet the requirements) (Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act) and the details of the requirements for each of the quarantine pests. (online), available from https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2.html
11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 21 October 2025 ☐ Trade facilitating measure

- 12. 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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