

PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION

29 Sep 2026

Subject: Emergency Measures for new host plants of *Meloidogyne enterolobii*

To whom it may concern,

This is to notify you of the emergency measures in Japan for new host plants of *Meloidogyne enterolobii* from Italy and the region/ countries listed in Item 13 of Annexed Table 2-2 of the Enforcement Regulations of the Plant Protection Act, available on the webpage below.

https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2.html

The emergency measures for new host plants of *Meloidogyne enterolobii*

1. Plants subject to the measures

(1) Host plants from Italy:

Underground parts of live plants of the following species and genera, capable of being used for cultivation:

- *Apium graveolens* (including *Apium graveolens* var. *graveolens*, *A. graveolens* var. *dulce*, and *A. graveolens* var. *rapaceum*)
- *Aquilaria malaccensis*
- *Buddleja davidii*
- *Capsicum chinense* [syn. *Capsicum sinense*]
- *Capsicum frutescens*
- *Caryopteris* × *clandonensis*
- *Euphorbia hypericifolia* [syn. *Chamaesyce hypericifolia*]
- *Hibiscus grandifloras*
- *Hosta plantaginea*
- *Lagerstroemia indica*
- *Lantana camara*
- *Lantana montevidensis*
- *Leonotis nepetifolia*
- *Morinda citrifolia* [syn. *Morinda elliptica*]
- *Pentas lanceolata*
- *Petroselinum crispum* [syn. *Petroselinum sativum*, *Petroselinum hortense*]
- *Physalis angulata*
- *Sageretia thea*
- *Samanea saman*
- *Urena lobata*

Plants of the genus

- *Brugmansia*
- *Gardenia*
- *Ligustrum*
- *Melaleuca* (syn. *Callistemon*)
- *Salix*
- *Syzygium*
- *Tibouchina*
- *Washingtonia*
- *Zelkova*

and “Plants” in Item 13 of Annexed Table 2-2 of the Enforcement Regulations of the Plant Protection Act, available on the webpage below.

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(2) Host plants from “Region/Country” in Item 13 of Annexed Table 2-2 of the Enforcement Regulations of the Plant Protection Act, available on the webpage below.

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Underground parts of live plants of the following species capable of being used for cultivation:

- *Hosta plantaginea*

2. Details of the measures

An additional declaration shall be included in the phytosanitary certificate stating that the requirements specified in Item 13 of Annexed Table 2-2 of the Enforcement Regulations of the Plant Protection Act have been fulfilled for the plants to be imported.

This measure will take effect on September 30, 2026.

For plants arriving in Japan on or after September 30, 2026 and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued on or before October 29, 2026 that does not contain the required additional declaration, a thorough inspection of the underground parts shall be conducted by the Plant Protection Station during the import inspection.

A WTO/SPS notification regarding the inspection requirement at the place of production will be issued to all countries.

Plants accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued on or after October 30, 2026 that lacks the required additional declaration shall be destroyed, as it cannot be confirmed that the relevant requirements have been fulfilled.

3. Requested measures

The plants must fulfill the following specific requirements (i) and (ii) AND the phytosanitary certificate or the certified copy of the phytosanitary certificate must include additional declaration (see “Example of wording for additional declaration”).

(i) The plants are grown at a place of production or a production site (including a plant growth facility) where *Meloidogyne enterolobii* has not been known to occur or was known to occur previously but has been eradicated.

AND

(ii) The plants are inspected at the place of production or the production site during the growing season, and the growing medium and the underground parts of the plants are examined by an appropriate nematological test and found to be free from *Meloidogyne enterolobii*.

Example of wording for additional declaration:

Fulfills item 13 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No73/1950).

4. Background

We have recently obtained scientific evidence indicating that this nematode occurs in Italy and that *Hosta plantaginea* is a host plant of the nematode.

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