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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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):** Underground parts of the live plants being capable of planting for cultivation listed in the attachment (excluding live plants that are aseptically cultured, sealed in test tubes, flasks, etc., and imported being free from the quarantine pest)
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[ ] All trading partners** **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Antigua and Barbuda; Australia; Bahamas; Barbados; Benin; Brazil; Burkina Faso; China; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Curaçao; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Egypt; France; Grenada; Guatemala; Haiti; India; Italy; Jamaica; Kenya; Malawi; Mexico; Mozambique; Netherlands; Niger; Nigeria; Portugal; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Senegal; South Africa; Sri Lanka; Switzerland; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Togo; Trinidad and Tobago; United Kingdom; United States of America; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of; Viet Nam
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing *Meloidogyne enterolobii*. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_05325_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** To prevent the introduction of *Meloidogyne enterolobii* into Japan, the MAFF required National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) of exporting regions/countries to certify that: For Underground parts of the live plants being capable of planting for cultivation listed in the document attached: (i) The plants are grown at a place of production or a production site (including a plant growth facility) where *M. 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 *M. enterolobii*. Therefore, exporting regions/countries of the NPPO were required to include an additional declaration, for example, by stating that "*Fulfills item 13 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No73/1950)*".

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. **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** MAFF has stipulated *Meloidogyne enterolobii* as one of the important quarantine pests for Japan. To prevent the introduction of *M. enterolobii* into Japan, the emergency measures before the enforcement of the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act were applied to the import of *Hosta plantaginea* from the regions/countries listed in Item 4 based on recently confirmed information. In addition, as *M. enterolobii* has been newly confirmed in Italy, the plants originating in Italy, as listed in the attachment were added to the plants subject to phytosanitary measures against *M. enterolobii*.

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)*:**

[X] **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?

[X] 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:** 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):** 30 September 2026

[ ] **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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