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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
<b>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):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Seeds for planting (originated in Thailand) 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>)</li><li>- Live plants and plant parts being capable of planting for cultivation (excluding seeds and fruits) (originated in Thailand) of the following plants: <i>Gloxinia</i> (<i>Seemannia</i>) <i>gymnostoma</i>, <i>Gloxinia</i> (<i>Seemannia</i>) <i>nematanthodes</i>, <i>Gloxinia</i> (<i>Seemannia</i>) <i>purpurascens</i>, <i>Columnea erythrophaea</i>, <i>Solanum stramonifolium</i>, 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>), <i>Nematanthus wettsteinii</i>, <i>Brunfelsia undulata</i></li></ul>
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing <i>Columnea latent viroid</i> (CLVd). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> To prevent the introduction of CLVd into Japan, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF) will require National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) of exporting countries to certify that: a) for seeds for planting originated in Thailand i) 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>Columnea latent viroid</i> ; or ii) The seeds are tested prior to export by an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Columnea latent 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. b) for live plants and plant parts for planting for cultivation originated in Thailand (excluding seeds and fruits): i) 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>Columnea latent viroid</i> .

<p>Therefore, the NPPO of exporting countries will be required to include an additional declaration stating that  <i>"Fulfills item 26 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950)."</i></p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.</p>
<p><b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b>          CLVd potentially poses a significant risk to agriculture in Japan. To prevent the introduction of CLVd into Japan, the emergency measures are to be applied to the import of host plants of CLVd. This is an urgent action before the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act based on the newly confirmed information that CLVd has been detected from host plants originated in Thailand (Tangkanchanapas, 2021; Tangkanchanapas <i>et al</i>, 2021).</p>
<p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> IPPC Article 7, ISPM 1 and ISPM 20</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>Table 2-2, MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950 (online), available from <a href="https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2_from_20210428.html">https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2_from_20210428.html</a></p> <p>Tangkanchanapas, P. (2021) Viroid-host interactions in Solanaceae (Doctoral dissertation, Ghent University). (online), available from <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/351121568_Viroid-host_interactions_in_Solanaceae">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/351121568_Viroid-host_interactions_in_Solanaceae</a>, (accessed 2022-10-27).</p> <p>Tangkanchanapas, P., A. Haegeman, M. Höfte and K. D. Jonghe (2021) Reassessment of the <i>Columnea latent viroid</i> (CLVd) taxonomic classification. <i>Microorganisms</i> 9: 1117. (online), available from <a href="https://www.mdpi.com/2076-2607/9/6/1117">https://www.mdpi.com/2076-2607/9/6/1117</a>, (accessed 2022-10-27).</p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b>          30 January 2023</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>

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