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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| 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): Underground parts of the live plants being capable of planting for cultivation of Indian laurel (<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>) |
| 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Antigua and Barbuda; Barbados; Benin; Brazil; Burkina Faso; China (excluding Hong Kong, China); Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guatemala; Haiti; India; Jamaica; Kenya; Malawi; Mexico; Mozambique; 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 States of America (excluding Hawaiian Islands); Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of; Viet Nam; Bahamas; including United States Virgin Islands, Aruba, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Curacao, Guadalupe, Cayman Islands, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin, Turks and Caicos Islands, Puerto Rico, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, Martinique, and Montserrat |
| 5. Title of the notified document: Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing <i>Meloidogyne enterolobii</i> . Language(s): English. Number of pages: |
| 6. Description of content: To prevent the introduction of <i>Meloidogyne enterolobii</i> into Japan, the MAFF will require National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) of exporting countries to certify that: For Underground parts of the live plants being capable of planting for cultivation of <i>Ficus microcarpa</i> : i) The plants are grown at a place of production or a production site (including a plant growth facility) where <i>M. enterolobii</i> 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 <i>M. enterolobii</i> . Therefore, the NPPO of exporting countries will be required to include an additional declaration stating that " <i>Fulfills item 8 of the Annexed Table 1-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950)</i> ". Please note that the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No73/1950) will become effective on 1 August 2023, and the additional declaration should be " <i>Fulfills item 13 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No73/1950)</i> " from 1 August 2023. |

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| 7. | Objective and rationale: <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. |
| 8. | Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: <i>M. enterolobii</i> potentially poses a significant risk to agriculture in Japan. To prevent the introduction of <i>M. enterolobii</i> into Japan, the emergency measures are to be applied to the import of <i>F. microcarpa</i> . This is an urgent action before the enforcement of the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act as <i>M. enterolobii</i> was isolated from underground parts, including nematode galls of <i>F. microcarpa</i> live plants during the import inspection. <i>M. enterolobii</i> was identified using molecular and morphological method. |
| 9. | Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): IPPC Article 7, ISPM 1 and ISPM 20 <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: – Table 1-2, MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950 (until 31 July 2023) (online), available from https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table1-2_from_20230401.html – Table 2-2, MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950 (from 1 August 2023) (online), available from https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2_from_20230801.html |
| 11. | Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 29 May 2023 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure |
| 12. | Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Standards Information Service International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan Tel: +(81 3) 5501 8344 Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |

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