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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 (MAFF)
<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> Live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seeds and fruits) of the host plants of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Colombia
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> from Colombia. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/JPN/25_03288_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/JPN/25_03288_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> To prevent the introduction of <i>X. fastidiosa</i> into Japan, MAFF has taken emergency measures for the host plants of <i>X. fastidiosa</i> from Colombia. The measures are taken as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seeds and fruits), the plants randomly taken from a lot and plants with suspected symptoms are tested during leafing stage by an appropriate serological diagnosis method such as ELISA or an appropriate genetic method such as PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>.</li><li>In addition, National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) of Colombia will be required to include an additional declaration stating that "<i>Fulfills item 23 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950).</i>"</li></ul> Regarding the host plants of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> , further details are provided in the document attached.
<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.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> MAFF has stipulated <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> as one of the important quarantine pests for Japan. To prevent the entry of <i>X. fastidiosa</i> into Japan, an additional declaration should be included in the phytosanitary certificate for the import of host plants of <i>X. fastidiosa</i> originated in Colombia. 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 <i>X. fastidiosa</i> in Colombia.

<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></p> <p><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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EPPO (2025) First report of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> in Colombia. EPPO Reporting Service 2025/066. (online), available from <a href="https://gd.eppo.int/reporting/article-8079">https://gd.eppo.int/reporting/article-8079</a></li> <li>- ICA (2025a) Por medio de la cual se declara el Estado de Emergencia Fitosanitaria en el Territorio Nacional por la presencia de <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> Wells et al., en los departamentos de Boyacá, Caldas, Caquetá, La Guajira, Magdalena, Norte de Santander, Risaralda y Valle del Cauca. (online), available from <a href="https://www.ica.gov.co/getattachment/c603e717-07ca-4103-9390-e6208967f042/2025R0001961.aspx">https://www.ica.gov.co/getattachment/c603e717-07ca-4103-9390-e6208967f042/2025R0001961.aspx</a></li> <li>- ICA (2025b) ICA amplía y refuerza las medidas fitosanitarias, ante la detección de la bacteria <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> en algunas regiones de Colombia. (online), available from <a href="https://www.ica.gov.co/noticias/comunicado-presencia-bacteria-xylella-fastidiosa">https://www.ica.gov.co/noticias/comunicado-presencia-bacteria-xylella-fastidiosa</a></li> <li>- 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 <a href="https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2.html">https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2.html</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b></p> <p>1 May 2025</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a></p>

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