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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

- 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): Live poultry and poultry products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- Title of the notified document: Draft revision of the Ministerial Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control. Language(s): . Number of pages:
- **6. Description of content:** MAFF is proposing a revision of the Article 45 of the Ministerial Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control to add emus to the list of animals subject to animal quarantine with regard to Notifiable Avian Influenza. Once emus are subject to animal quarantine, the import of live emus and products derived from emus will not be permitted without an appropriate health certificate issued by the animal health authority of the exporting country.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. 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):
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*): Chapter 10.4. "Infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses"
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [] 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:

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- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control" (available in English and Japanese) https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/ja/laws/view/4114
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): September 2025

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): September 2025

- **11.** Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: 1 October 2026
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 20 September 2025

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