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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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 plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seeds and fruits) of <i>Chrysanthemum indicum</i> (syn. <i>Dendranthema indicum</i>)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing <i>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i> (ToBRFV). Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: To prevent the introduction of ToBRFV into Japan, MAFF will take emergency measures for <i>Chrysanthemum indicum</i> from all regions/countries. The measures are taken as follows: (1) For Live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seeds and fruits): The plants must fulfill the following specific requirement AND the phytosanitary certificate or the certified copy of the phytosanitary certificate must include additional declaration (see (2)). 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>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i> . (2) Example of wording for additional declaration: National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) of all regions/countries will be required to include an additional declaration stating that " <i>Fulfills item 36 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950)</i> " in the phytosanitary certificate or the certified copy of the phytosanitary certificate.
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: MAFF has stipulated ToBRFV as one of the important quarantine pests for Japan. To prevent the entry of ToBRFV into Japan, an additional declaration should be included in the phytosanitary certificate for the import of <i>Chrysanthemum indicum</i> from all regions/countries. This is an urgent action taken prior to the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act, based on newly confirmed information that <i>Chrysanthemum indicum</i> is a host plant of ToBRFV.

9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): IPPC Article 7, ISPM 1 and ISPM 20</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barone, M. M., A. Ragona, G. Agrò, E. Yahyaoui, A. G. Caruso, S. Panno, S. Matic and S. Davino (2025) First report of tomato brown rugose fruit virus naturally infecting Chrysanthemum indicum in Sicily, Italy. New Disease Reports 52: e70079; (online) available from https://bsppjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ndr2.70079 - 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.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 12 February 2026</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>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:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <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:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>