



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): Raw milk and/or un-heated/un-treated milk products
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: Cyprus and countries, regions or zones approved as free from FMD by Japan https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/dairy_products_en.html
5. Title of the notified document: Import suspension of raw milk and/or un-heated/un-treated milk products from Cyprus. Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: In order to prevent the introduction of foot and mouth disease (FMD) virus into Japan, MAFF has suspended the import of raw milk and/or un-heated/un-treated milk products from Cyprus, including those shipped through third countries, on 21 February 2026 based on the "Animal Health Requirements for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan from Listed countries" and the Articles 37 and 44 of the "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control". Importation of cloven-hoofed animals and products derived from cloven-hoofed animals other than milk and milk products, as well as straw and forage for feed from Cyprus have been prohibited under the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control. Therefore, only raw milk and un-heated/un-treated milk products are subject to the import suspension due to FMD outbreak. This is to inform that MAFF has removed Cyprus from the listed countries.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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: Outbreaks of FMD were confirmed in cattle in Larnaca on 19 February 2026 and in sheep in Larnaca on 20 February 2026, and both outbreaks were reported to World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on 21 February 2026.
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):

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. <i>Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>): Chapter 8.8., "Infection with foot and mouth disease virus"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. <i>ISPM number</i>):</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>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current "Animal Health Requirements for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan from Listed countries" https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/pdf/dairy_products_listed_countries.pdf • Current "Animal Health Requirements for milk products to be exported to Japan from countries other than Listed countries" https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/pdf/dairy_products_other_than_listed_countries.pdf (available in English and Japanese)
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 21 February 2026</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>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:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(8131) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>
<p>13. 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: +(8131) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>