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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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 rabbits (Leporidae), live honeybees (<i>Apis</i> spp.)
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: Planned Revision of the Ministerial Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control (Prior Notification Concerning the Importation of Animals). Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: MAFF is proposing a revision to Article 47-2 of the Ministerial Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control to add live rabbits (Leporidae) and live honeybees (<i>Apis</i> spp.) to the animals subject to the prior Notification Concerning the Importation of Animals before arrival in Japan, in order to ensure smooth animal quarantine procedures.
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. 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 type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "The Ministerial Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control" (available in Japanese) https://laws.e-gov.go.jp/law/326M50010000035 - "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control" (available in English and Japanese) https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/ja/laws/view/4114
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): July 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): July 2026</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): January 2027 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 June 2026</p> <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>