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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 5 June 2026, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Japan.

Notification of Revision of the Ministerial Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control (Prior Notification Concerning the Importation of Animals)

MAFF proposed revision of the Article 47-2 of "the Ministerial Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control", in the notification G/SPS/N/JPN/1406, to add live rabbits (*Leporidae*) and live honeybees (*Apis* spp.) to the animals subject to the prior Notification Concerning the Importation of Animals before arrival in Japan.

The revision will be published in the "Kampo" (Japanese Official Gazette) in the middle of June and enter into force on 1 January 2027.

On and after 1 January 2027, prior notification must be submitted to the Animal Quarantine Service at least 40 days prior to arrival in Japan for both live rabbits (*Leporidae*) and live honeybees (*Apis* spp.), using Appended Form 21-3 related to Article 47-3.

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_02991_00_x.pdf

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
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- Other: Provision of additional information.

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