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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 cattle (<i>Bos taurus</i>), live water buffalo (<i>Bubalus</i> spp., <i>Syncerus</i> spp.), live dogs (<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>), live rabbits (Leporidae), animals for export, pet food (non-edible), designated quarantine items, designated prohibited items or pathogen of "livestock infectious diseases" (please refer to the attachment for further details)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Revision of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control and the relevant regulations. Language(s): English and Japanese. Number of pages: 238 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_03510_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/JPN/26_03510_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control and the relevant regulations were revised. The following is a brief summary of the revision. Please refer to the attachment for further details. No additional requirements are imposed on overseas Members. Firstly, lumpy skin disease in cattle has been added to the list of domestic animal infectious diseases. Accordingly, animals affected by or suspected of the disease are subject to slaughtering, and their carcasses are required to be incinerated or buried. Secondly, the sale of items imported in violation of Articles 36 or 37 of this Act, as well as their processing, use, preparation, storage, or display for the purpose of sale, is prohibited and livestock quarantine officers are authorized to conduct on-site inspections of stores, offices, business establishments, warehouses, and other locations and, as a result of such inspections, to take measures including the disposal of things imported in violation of Articles 36 or 37 of the Act.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☐ food safety, ☒ 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):

☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): ☐ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ☒ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: https://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/douei/eisei/e_koutei/kaisei_kadenhou/kaisei_kakuron/kaisei-r8.html
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 29 June 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 29 June 2026
11. Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2026 ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp
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