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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
<b>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):</b> Live aquatic animals, eggs, and aquatic animal products for aquaculture
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> The diseases and the animal species subject to import quarantine and detention period <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/JPN/15_4011_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/JPN/15_4011_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Act on the Protection of the Fishery Resources requires those who intend to import aquatic animals provided for in the Enforcement Ordinance of this Act to obtain the permission of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries(MAFF). They shall also submit an health certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting country attesting that the aquatic animal in question are not infected with a disease or diseases subject to import quarantine as a result of inspection conducted by the authority.</li><li>2. The health certificate required at the time of the import shall be based on the health requirements separately agreed between the exporting country and Japan. The contents of the health certificate shall include information on the exporting country's aquatic animal health management system, the inspection method and the handling method of animals during shipment.</li><li>3. To prevent the invasion of diseases that could potentially cause significant damages to the aquaculture industry in Japan, MAFF has established the Expert Committee on Aquatic Animal Disease Control to conduct risk assessments based on the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code and scientific knowledge on the important infectious diseases. In light of the risk assessment results, MAFF will amend the Enforcement Ordinance of the Act prescribing the diseases subject to import quarantine and the animal species as well as the detention period upon arrival in Japan as described in the appendix.</li><li>4. The species of the aquatic animals subject to import quarantine attached are limited to:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Live aquatic animals (As for animals intended for human consumption, those that will be kept in public waters or facilities draining into these waters after the importation only);</li><li>b. Aquatic animals that are not alive and are intended for aquaculture (including processed products but excluding fish meal and fish oil).</li></ol></li></ol>

7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) Aquatic Animal Health Code (2014), Chapter 2.1. Import risk analysis and Section 9 - 11 each disease code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> This amendment is to be publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted (available in Japanese).</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 December 2015</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Standards Information Service International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan Tel: +(81 3) 5501 8344 Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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>Standards Information Service International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan Tel: +(81 3) 5501 8344 Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>