



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): Animal products and other items
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: The amendment of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control. Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: In order to strengthen legal authority of animal quarantine officers and heighten the penalty for violation against the provisions of import and export quarantine, the MAFF amended the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control as follows; <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Authorize animal quarantine officers to conduct interviews to passengers of embarkation/disembarkation and to inspect their baggage for animal products and other items.2. Authorize animal quarantine officers to dispose of illegal animal products and other items upon finding during the inspection.3. Raise the fines for violation against the provisions of import and export quarantine such as bringing illegal animal products in Japan: in case of an individual, from "up to 1,000,000 yen to up to 3,000,000 yen," and in case of a corporate body, from "up to 1,000,000 yen to up to 50,000,000 yen".4. Establish new fines of 'up to 300,000 yen' for violation with respect to 1 and 2 above.
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

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: These amendments are to be publicised in Animal Quarantine Office web page. https://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/douei/eisei/e_koutei/kaisei_kadenhou/index.html</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 27 March 2020 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 3 April 2020</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Date specified by Cabinet Order not exceeding three months. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable. 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: Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(8131) 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: Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(8131) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>