



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): Plant and plant products
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 Plant Protection Act. Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In order to harmonize the phytosanitary measures with ISPMs, Japan amended the Plant Protection Act as follows:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. To introduce measures that allow items such as agricultural machinery to be made subject to import/export quarantine. Specific quarantine requirements for the items will be notified by the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act in due course;ii. To introduce measures that allow an entity authorised by the MAFF to conduct a part of the export inspection on behalf of plant protection officers if the importing country requires the plant or other item being exported from Japan to have phytosanitary certification;2. In order to strengthen legal authority of plant protection officers and heighten the penalty for violation against the provisions of import and export quarantine, Japan amended the Plant Protection Act as follows:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. To authorize plant quarantine officers to address questions to passengers of embarkation/disembarkation and to inspect their baggage for plants and other items;ii. To establish new fines of "up to 300,000 yen" for passengers who do not comply with the provision above 2.i.;iii. To raise the fines for violation against the provisions of import and export quarantine such as bringing illegal plants 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".
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 41 and 45</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: These amendments are to be published in MAFF's webpage https://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/shokukaisei.html (available in Japanese)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 22 April 2022 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 2 May 2022</p>
<p>11. 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 one year. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 July 2022</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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>
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