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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): Used agricultural machineries
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: Proposed revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act and relevant requirements. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/JPN/22_4886_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/JPN/22_4886_01_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: In G/SPS/N/JPN/1017 on 9 May 2022, the MAFF notified that Japan amended the Plant Protection Act to allow items such as agricultural machinery to be made subject to import quarantine, and that specific quarantine requirements for the items will be notified by the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act in due course. http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn/Data/File/Notice/6885/NJPN1017.pdf This time, the MAFF proposes a revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act to introduce measures for imported used agricultural machineries. The import requirements are as follows: 1. To designate specified used agricultural machineries as regulated articles subject to import quarantine (Annex 1); 2. To request the exporting country to attach a phytosanitary certificate declaring that there have been free from soil and plant debris on each consignment of the used agricultural machineries mentioned in 1 above (Annex 2).
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.
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):

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 41</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: The legal basis of the Ordinance is derived from the Plant Protection Act. This revision will be published in "Kampo" (Official Government Gazette), available in Japanese. The current lists are available in English on the website of Plant Protection Station at: http://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/information/language_top.html (available in English).</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><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): 27 September 2022</p> <p>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:</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>
<p>13. 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:</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>