



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): Plants 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: Standard Procedure for Lifting a Ban on Importation of Plants into Japan (Official Directive No. 5 of MAFF). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/JPN/23_09580_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: MAFF has revised the standard procedure when Japan receives a request from a country to lift the ban on importation of plants of which Japan prohibits the import in accordance with the Plant Protection Law (Law No. 151 of 1950). The purpose of the revision is to reflect procedures being newly implemented and thereby to increase transparency of the procedure, while taking into account relevant international standards, as the previous version was developed more than 20 years ago (in 1999).
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): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 2, 11, 20, 24 <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: The original document in Japanese was published in "Kampo" (Official Government Gazette) on 29 March 2023. The original document in Japanese is available on the MAFF website https://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/syokubo/keneki/k_yunyu/index.html .
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 22 March 2023 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 29 March 2023
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2023 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	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: 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
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