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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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): Underground parts of the live plants being capable of planting for cultivation (excluding live plants that are aseptically cultured, sealed in test tubes, flasks, etc., and imported being free from the quarantine pest) of <i>Euphorbia prostrata</i> , <i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i> and <i>Euphorbia trigona</i>
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Antigua and Barbuda; Barbados, including the United States Virgin Islands; Benin; Brazil; Burkina Faso; China; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guatemala; Haiti; India; Jamaica; Kenya; Malawi; Mexico; Mozambique; Niger; Nigeria; Portugal; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Senegal; South Africa; Sri Lanka; Switzerland; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Togo; Trinidad and Tobago; United States of America, excluding the Hawaiian Islands; Venezuela; Viet Nam; West Indies (Anguilla; Aruba; Bahamas; Bonaire; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Curacao; Guadeloupe; Martinique; Montserrat; Puerto Rico; Saint Barthelemy; Saint Martin; Sint Eustatius and Saba; Turks and Caicos Islands)
5. Title of the notified document: Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing <i>Meloidogyne enterolobii</i> . Language(s): English. Number of pages:
6. Description of content: To prevent the introduction of <i>Meloidogyne enterolobii</i> into Japan, the MAFF will require National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) of exporting countries to certify that: For Underground parts of the live plants being capable of planting for cultivation of plants listed in item 3: 1. The plants are grown at a place of production or a production site (including a plant growth facility) where <i>M. enterolobii</i> has not been known to occur or was known to occur previously but has been eradicated; and 2. The plants are inspected at the place of production or the production site during the growing season, and the growing medium and the underground parts of the plants are examined by an appropriate nematological test and found to be free from <i>M. enterolobii</i> . Therefore, the NPPO of exporting countries will be required to include an additional declaration stating that " <i>Fulfills item 13 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950)</i> ".
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. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:

M. enterolobii potentially poses a significant risk to agriculture in Japan. To prevent the introduction of *M. enterolobii* into Japan, the emergency measures before the enforcement of the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act are to be applied to the import of the plants as described in item 3 based on following newly information;

- *M. enterolobii* was isolated from underground parts, including nematode galls of *E. trigona* live plants during the import inspection. The nematode was identified as *M. enterolobii* using molecular and morphological method.
- *E. prostrata* and *E. tirucalli* could be determined as host plants for *M. enterolobii* (Lima et al., 2003; Souza et al., 2006).

9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:

Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

IPPC Article 7, ISPM 1 and ISPM 20

None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

Yes **No**

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

- Table 2-2, MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950 (online), available from https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2.html
- Lima IM, Dolinski CM, Souza RM (2003) Dispersao de Meloidogyne mayaguensis em goiabais de Sao Joao da Barra e relato de novos hospedeiros dentre plantas invasoras e cultivadas (Dispersal of Meloidogyne mayaguensis in guava orchards in the city of Sao Joao da Barra, Brazil, and new hosts amongst cultivated plant species and weeds). Nematologia Brasileira 27(2), 257-258.
- Souza RM, Nogueira MS, Lima IM, Melarto M, Dolinski CM (2006) Manejo de nematoides das galhas da goiabeira em Sao Joao da Barra (RJ) e relato de novos hospedeiros. Nematologia Brasileira 30, 165-169.

11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):

4 January 2024

Trade facilitating measure

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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