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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** The 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 *Chamaedorea*
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [] All trading partners
 - [X] Specific regions or countries: American Samoa Niue; Australia; Bangladesh; Belgium; Belize; Brazil; Cameroon; Canada; China; Colombia; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Ethiopia; Fiji; France; Gabon; Germany; Ghana; Grenada; Guadeloupe; Guatemala; Guinea; Hawaiian Islands; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Jamaica; Kenya; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Martinique; Mexico; Mozambique; Netherlands; New Caledonia; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Norfolk Island (Australia); Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Puerto Rico; Reunion; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Senegal; Singapore; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Tanzania; Thailand; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Uganda; United Kingdom; United States of America; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of; Viet Nam; Zambia; Zimbabwe
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing *Radopholus similis*. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:**
- **6. Description of content:** To prevent the introduction of *Radopholus similis* 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 Chamaedorea:

- 1. The plants are grown at a place of production or a production site (including a plant growth facility) where *Radopholus similis* 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 *R. similis*.

Therefore, the NPPO of exporting countries will be required to include an additional declaration by stating that "Fulfills item 12 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No 73/1950)".

- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. urgent problem(s) and **Nature** of the reason for urgent action: R. similis potentially poses a significant risk to agriculture of Japan. To prevent the introduction of R. similis 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 of Chamaedorea based on following newly confirmed information listed in Item 10 that the plants are host plants of R. similis.
- 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):
 - [X] 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?

[X] 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
 - APQA (2023) 수입묘목에서 고위험 외래해충 검출, (online), available from https://www.qia.go.kr/downloadwebQiaCom.do?id=44271
 - EFSA (2014) Panel on Plant Health (PLH), Scientific opinion on the pest categorisation of *Radopholus similis* (Cobb) Thorne and *Radopholus citrophilus* Huettel, Dickson and Kaplan. EFSA Journal 12: 3852. (online), available from https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2014.3852
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 - Ferris, H. (2023) NEMAPLEX, (online), available from http://nemaplex.ucdavis.edu/Taxadata/G111s2.aspx
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 - Goodey, J. B., M. T. Franklin, and D. J. Hooper. (1965) The Nematode Parasites of Plants Catalogued Under Their Hosts. Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau, Farnham Royal, Bucks, England. Third Edition
 - Griffith R, R, M, Giblin-Davis, P. K. Koshy and V. K. Sosamma (2005) Nematode parasites of Coconut and other Palms. In: Luc M, Sikora RA and Bridge J (eds.). Plant Parasitic Nematodes in Subtropical and Tropical Agriculture, 2nd edition, CABI Publishing, Wallingford, UK. pp. 1–871
 - SON Regulatory Committee (2002) A List of Exotic Nematode Plant Pests of Agricultural and Environmental Significance to the United States, (online), available from https://nematode.unl.edu/pest31.htm
 - Tsang M. M. C., A. H. Hara and B. S. Sipes (2003) Hot-water treatments of potted palms to control the burrowing nematode, *Radopholus similis*. Crop Protection, 22, 589–593

- 11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 24 September 2024
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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