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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

JAPAN

The following notification, dated 24 June 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Japan.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Japan
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Enforcement Regulation of the Act on Ensuring the Proper Domestic Distribution and Importation of Specified Aquatic Animals and Plants
3	Date of Publication	26 April 2022
4	Date of entry into force	1 December 2022
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	- Kampo (Official Government Gazette) - Website of the Fisheries Agency of Japan https://www.jfa.aff.go.jp/220614.html
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[X] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) [] No.
7	Type of notification	[X] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ² ; (please answer question 8 to 14) [] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	Please see the table in the Annex (TECHNICAL NOTE (ver 2.0)), which can be found in the Member Profile in www.Importlicensing.WTO.org .
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: [X] Non-Automatic: []
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration;

¹ "Members which institute licensing procedures or changes in these procedures shall notify the Committee of such within 60 days of publication [...]" (Art. 5.1).

² "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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		(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Combat Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated (IUU) fishing
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Fisheries Agency, Fishery Products Trade Office Address: 1-2-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo Website: https://www.ifa.maff.go.jp/220614.html Telephone: +81 3 3502 4190 E-Mail: tekiseika_suisan@maff.go.jp
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Fisheries Agency, Fishery Products Trade Office Address: 1-2-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo Website: https://www.ifa.maff.go.jp/220614.html Telephone: +81 3 3502 4190 E-Mail: tekiseika_suisan@maff.go.jp
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	It is scheduled to enter into force on 1 December 2022.
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	<p>Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing constitutes one of the most serious threats to the sustainable use of fishery resources.</p> <p>In response to risks caused by IUU fishing, the international community has been making a wide array of efforts to prevent IUU fishery products from entering the markets, including introduction of the catch certification/documentation in accordance with the relevant international agreed documents (e.g. "Voluntary Guidelines for Catch Documentation Schemes" proposed by FAO and "International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing" published by FAO).</p> <p>The European Union, the United States and the Republic Korea have introduced such schemes to prevent the import of IUU catches. Under these circumstances, in order to fulfil Japan's responsibility as one of the world's largest importers of fishery products, Japan will introduce a Japan's catch documentation scheme based on "Act on Ensuring the Proper Domestic Distribution and Importation of Specified Aquatic Animals and Plants" to prevent the import of IUU catches into Japan, aiming at contributing to global efforts to eliminate IUU fishing.</p> <p>For details on the catch certificate, please see the Annex (TECHNICAL NOTE (ver 2.0)) which can be found in the Member Profile in www.Importlicensing.WTO.org and covers relevant requirements etc. stipulated in the Enforcement Regulation.</p>
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures: <input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	