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## IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM OF INDONESIA

### QUESTIONS FROM JAPAN TO INDONESIA

The following communication, dated 24 September 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Japan.

Japan recognizes that rice importers are required to obtain import permission from the Ministry of Trade, according to the Regulation of the Ministry of Trade No. 1 of 2018. However, Indonesia did not include the rice import licensing system in the notification on 28 February 2020 (G/LIC/N/3/IDN/11).

Q1. Does Indonesia have any plan to notify the rice import licensing system to WTO, and if yes, when will it be notified? If not, could Indonesia explain the reason why?

Q2. Japan would like to request Indonesia to provide the following information on the import licensing system of japonica rice in accordance with the Regulation of the Ministry of Trade No. 1 of 2018.

- The average/general size of the quota for each license, and maximum limit size, if any.
- The length of time for processing applications, i.e. duration from applications received to import permissions issued (average/standard processing time, the rules of procedure if any, and the possibility of immediate issuance on request).
- Limitation in application period, i.e. whether there is any period of the year when the application cannot be made/accepted. If any, please explain.
- Under what circumstances an application may be refused. If any, please explain.
- The complaint procedure against the decision of non-permission or significant delay of the issuance of permit. If any, please explain.
- The requirements for importers to apply for import permission.
- Documents or information required for application.
- Whether there is any application fee, the amount if any, and whether such fee is refunded in case of refusal (i.e. no permission issued).
- The length of validity of the import permission, and the possibility of its extension.
- Is the following understanding correct?
- The length of the validity of import permission is 6 months in general, but it will be expired at the end of the year if issued in the latter half of the year.
- Whether there is any penalty for the non-utilization of the quota allocated.
- Documents or information required for importers to provide upon actual importation, if any, other than import permit.

Q3. In the import licensing procedure for japonica rice, Indonesia does not seem to properly follow the 5(f) of the Article 3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures of the WTO. Please explain Indonesia's view on this matter. Also, please explain the reason why the import permit of Japanese rice has not been issued since January 2020.