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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures** 

## **NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

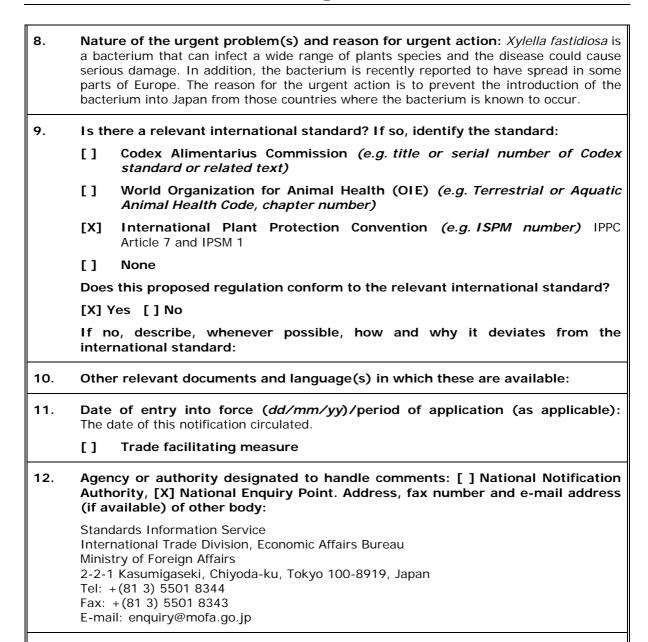
- Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u>
  If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): HS Codes: 060210, 060220, 060290, plants for planting (excluding seed and fruit) of the host of *Xylella fastidiosa*
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [] All trading partners
  - [X] Specific regions or countries: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Iran, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Paraguay, Chinese Taipei, Turkey, United States of America (excluding Hawaiian Islands) and Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
- 5. Title of the notified document: Emergency measures to reduce the risk of introduction of *Xylella fastidiosa* through the importation of plants for planting (excluding seed and fruit) of the host of *X. fastidiosa* Language(s): English Number of pages: 2 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/JPN/15\_1861\_00\_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/JPN/15\_1861\_00\_e.pdf</a>
- 6. **Description of content:** In order to reduce the risk of introduction of *Xylella fastidiosa* into Japan, the host plants for planting (excluding seeds and fruits) of *X. fastidiosa* listed in the annex (link in Item 5) produced in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Iran, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Paraguay, Chinese Taipei, Turkey, United States of America (excluding Hawaiian Islands) and Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, where *X. fastidiosa* is known to occur are subject to the following additional import requirements:

The plants must be accompanied with an official government Phytosanitary Certificate stating the following additional declaration:

- The samples taken from the plants in their leafing stage were tested for *Xylella fastidiosa* by using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) method or Enzyme-Linked Immuno Sorbent Assay (ELISA) method and found to be free of *X. fastidiosa*.

The plants accompanying a Phytosanitary Certificate issued before 9 May 2015 with no additional declaration mentioned above may be allowed to import, subject to inspection of all the plants for *X. fastidiosa* at entry points of Japan.

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.



13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: