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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	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): Plant and plant products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Notification on the Change of Phytosanitary Measures for Plants without Phytosanitary Certificate. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_2379_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Considering the recent reports that some serious quarantine pests have entered into the Japanese territory such as White Potato Cyst Nematode (<i>Globodera pallida</i>) and Plum Pox Virus, Japanese NPPO has decided to stop the above mentioned exception in order to reduce the entry risks of such pests. Japan would request NPPO of member countries to inform those who has an intention to export plants to Japan by mail or hand-carry that it is necessary to attach PC to them without any exceptions.
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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): IPPC Paragraph 2(a) of Articles 5 and 7 and ISPM 7 and 12 <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The legal basis of the Ordinance is derived from the Plant Protection Act. The relevant information is available in English from Japan's Plant Protection Station website at: http://www.pps.go.jp/english/index.html .
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): As soon as possible after the final date for the comment period.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2018 [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 July 2018 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: International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp
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