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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
<b>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):</b>  Seeds for planting of the following plants: sweet pepper (chili peppers, shishito pepper, bell pepper) ( <i>Capsicum annuum</i> ), tomato (including <i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> (= <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> ), <i>S. arcanum</i> , <i>S. cheesmaniae</i> , <i>S. chilense</i> , <i>S. galapagense</i> , <i>S. peruvianum</i> , <i>S. pimpinellifolium</i> ), <i>Solanum sisymbriifolium</i> , potato ( <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> ), <i>Petunia</i>  Live plants and plant parts being capable of planting for cultivation (excluding seed and fruit) of the following plants: <i>Atriplex semilunaris</i> , avocado ( <i>Persea americana</i> ), black nightshade ( <i>Solanum nigrum</i> ), apple of Peru ( <i>Nicandra physalodes</i> ), <i>Conyza bonariensis</i> , cape gooseberry ( <i>Physalis peruviana</i> ), marmalade bush ( <i>Streptosolen jamesonii</i> ), ground cherry ( <i>Physalis angulata</i> ), <i>Solanum rantonnetii</i> , thorn apple ( <i>Datura leichhardtii</i> ), jerusalem cherry ( <i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i> ), <i>Solanum jasminoides</i> , sweet pepper (chili peppers, shishito pepper, bell pepper) ( <i>Capsicum annuum</i> ), tomato (including <i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> (= <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> ), <i>S. arcanum</i> , <i>S. cheesmaniae</i> , <i>S. chilense</i> , <i>S. galapagense</i> , <i>S. peruvianum</i> , <i>S. pimpinellifolium</i> ), <i>Solanum sisymbriifolium</i> , potato ( <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> ), pepino ( <i>Solanum muricatum</i> ), <i>Rhagodia eremaea</i> , <i>Calibrachoa</i> , <i>Cestrum</i> , <i>Dahlia</i> , <i>Brugmansia</i> , <i>Petunia</i>
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b> Kazakhstan, Kenya, Pakistan, Uganda
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Emergency measures to prevent <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> (PSTVd) from entering Japan through the importation of seeds and plants of host plants of PSTVd. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3
<b>6. Description of content:</b> In order to prevent PSTVd from entering Japan, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF) will require National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) of exporting countries to certify that:  a) for seeds, either: i) the samples randomly taken from parent plants and ones with suspected symptoms are tested during harvest period by an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> ; or ii) the seeds are tested prior to export by an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> ; 4,600 seeds are randomly taken from a lot as samples in accordance with the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) procedures or in case that the number of seeds of a lot is less than 46,000, 10% of the seeds are used for the testing; they are

<p>divided into at most 400 seeds as sub-samples; or</p> <p>b) for live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seeds and fruits):</p> <p>i) the plants randomly taken from a lot and plants with suspected symptoms are tested during the growing season or prior to export by an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i>.</p> <p>In addition, the NPPO will be required to declare as below in the column of Additional declaration of Phytosanitary Certificate.  <i>"Fulfills item 24 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950)."</i></p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.</p>
<p><b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> PSTVd is one of the most serious pests for Japan. In order to prevent PSTVd from entering Japan, an additional declaration is to be provided in Phytosanitary Certificate for the import of seeds and plants of host plants of PSTVd. This is the urgent action before the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act based on the newly confirmed information that PSTVd is occurring in Kazakhstan, Kenya, Pakistan and Uganda.</p>
<p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> IPPC Article 7 and ISPM 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Table 2-2, MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950  <a href="http://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2_from_20210428.htm">http://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2_from_20210428.htm</a>  (available in English)</p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b>  30 days after the date of this notification.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Standards Information Service  International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku  Tokyo 100-8919, Japan  Tel: +(81 3) 5501 8344  Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343  E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>

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

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