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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: JAPAN

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): Seeds and plants of tomato (including *Lycopersicon esculentum* (= *Solanum lycopersicum*), *S. arcanum*, *S. cheesmaniae*, *S. chilense*, *S. galapagense*, *S. peruvianum*, *S. pimpinellifolium*) and sweet pepper (chili peppers, shishito pepper, bell pepper) (*Capsicum annuum*)

4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:

All trading partners

Specific regions or countries:

5. Title of the notified document: Emergency measures to prevent *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus* (ToBRFV) from entering Japan through the importation of host seeds and plants of ToBRFV. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:**

6. Description of content: In order to prevent ToBRFV 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 *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus*; 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 *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus*; 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 divided into at most 400 seeds as sub-samples; or,

b) for live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seeds and fruits):

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 *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus*.

In addition, the NPPO will be required to declare as below in the column of Additional declaration of Phytosanitary Certificate.

"Fulfils item 36 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950)", previously circulated in G/SPS/N/JPN/712.

<p>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.</p> <p>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: ToBRFV is spreading worldwide. In order to prevent ToBRFV from entering Japan, an additional declaration is to be provided in Phytosanitary Certificate for the import of seeds and plants of tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>) and sweet pepper (<i>Capsicum annuum</i>). This is the urgent action before the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act, which will be notified in due course.</p> <p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): IPPC Article 7 and ISPM 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 30 days later after the date of this notification.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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>