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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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): Live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding fruit) and seeds for planting of the following plants: bitter melon (balsam pear) (<i>Momordica charantia</i>), hybrid of <i>Cucurbita maxima</i> x <i>Cucurbita moschata</i>
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Australia; Brazil; China (excluding Hong Kong, China); Chinese Taipei; Costa Rica; Guam; Greece; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Israel; Italy; Republic of Korea; Nigeria; Northern Mariana Islands; Serbia; South Africa; Thailand; Turkey; United States of America (excluding Hawaiian Islands)
5. Title of the notified document: Emergency measures to prevent <i>Acidoborax avenae</i> subsp. <i>citruilli</i> (Aac) from entering Japan through the importation of seeds and plants of host plants of Aac. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3
6. Description of content: In order to prevent Aac 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 parent plants are grown from seeds disinfected against this pest or known to be free from this pest. and the parent plants and fruits (for producing seeds) at a place of production or a production site (including a plant growth facility) are inspected (including laboratory testing of any suspicious symptoms) during fruit maturity stage before harvesting and found free from Aac; or ii) the seeds are tested prior to export by an appropriate genetic method such as LAMP assay or PCR assay or grow-out method and found to be free from Aac; 30,000 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 300,000, 10% of the seeds are used for the testing. b) for live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seeds and fruits): i) seeds must be ensured to be free from Aac based on either of the following specific requirement (a) or (b); Either (a) Parent plants and fruits (for producing seeds) at a place of production or a production site (including a plant growth facility) are inspected (including laboratory testing of any suspicious symptoms) during fruit maturity stage before harvesting and found free

<p>from Aac; or (b) Seeds are tested by an appropriate genetic method such as LAMP assay or PCR assay or grow-out method and found free from Aac; and ii) The plants are grown using the seeds at a place of production or production site (including a plant growth facility) where the control measures against Aac are carried out; and iii) Prior to export, the plants are inspected if signs or symptoms are present and found free from Aac. In addition, the NPPO will be required to declare as below in the column of Additional declaration of Phytosanitary Certificate. "Fulfills item 19 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950)."</p>
<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: Aac is one of the most serious pests for Japan. In order to prevent Aac from entering Japan, an additional declaration is to be provided in Phytosanitary Certificate for the import of seeds and plants of host plants of Aac. 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 Aac were detected from bitter melon (balsam pear) (<i>Momordica charantia</i>), hybrid of <i>Cucurbita maxima</i> x <i>Cucurbita moschata</i>.</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? <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>Table 2-2, MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950 https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2_from_20210428.html (available in English)</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 30 May 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. 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:

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