



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): Seeds for planting and live plants and plant parts being capable of planting for cultivation (excluding seeds and fruits) of the following plant: eggplant (<i>Solanum melongena</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: Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Canada; Canary Islands; Chile; China (excluding Hong Kong, China); Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Ecuador; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Lithuania; Mexico; Morocco; Netherlands; New Zealand; Peru; Poland; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Syria; Turkey; United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland); United States of America (excluding Hawaiian Islands)
5. Title of the notified document: Emergency measures to prevent <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> (PepMV) from entering Japan through the importation of seeds and plants of host plants of PepMV. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3
6. Description of content: To prevent PepMV 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 by an appropriate serological diagnosis method such as ELISA or an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> ; or ii. The seeds are tested prior to export by an appropriate serological diagnosis method such as ELISA or an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Pepino mosaic virus</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 divided into at most 250 seeds for ELISA or 400 seeds for RT-PCR as sub-samples. B. for live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seeds and fruits): 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 serological diagnosis method such as ELISA or an appropriate genetic method such as RT-PCR assay and found to be free from <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> . In addition, the NPPO will be required to declare as below in the column of Additional declaration of Phytosanitary Certificate.

"Fulfills item 25 of the Annexed Table 2-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act (MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950)"	
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.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: PepMV is one of the most serious pests for Japan. To prevent PepMV from entering Japan, an additional declaration is to be provided in the Phytosanitary Certificate for the import of seeds and plants of host plants of PepMV. This is the urgent action prior to the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act upon the detection of PepMV from eggplant (<i>Solanum melongena</i>) seeds during an inspection in Japan.
9.	<p>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 No. 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>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 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>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 20 June 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>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>

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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