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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 (MAFF)
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 poultry, poultry meat and egg products
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: Germany, and countries, regions or zones approved as free from HPAI and LPAI by Japan http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/news/third-free.html
5. Title of the notified document: Import suspension of live poultry from the whole territory of Germany and that of poultry meat and egg products from the state of Baden-Württemberg. Language(s): English. Number of pages:
6. Description of content: In order to prevent the introduction of H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) virus into Japan, MAFF has suspended the import of live poultry from the whole territory of Germany and that of poultry meat and egg products from the state of Baden-Württemberg of Germany, including those shipped through third countries. This is based on articles 37 and 44 of the "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control", "Animal Health Requirements for day-old chicks and hatching eggs to be exported to Japan from Germany" and "Animal Health Requirements for poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan from Germany" since 11 February 2020. Poultry meat products derived from animals slaughtered on and after 16 January 2020, and poultry egg products derived from eggs laid on and after 16 January 2020 from the state of Baden-Württemberg of Germany are not eligible to be exported to Japan, taking into consideration the incubation period of the AI virus stipulated in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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: An outbreak of H5N8 HPAI were confirmed in a backyard poultry farm in the state of Baden-Württemberg of Germany on 7 February 2020.

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 10.4. "Infection with avian influenza viruses"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</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: Current "Animal Health Requirements for day-old chicks and hatching eggs to be exported to Japan from Germany" and "Animal Health Requirements for poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan from Germany": https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/hou/require/attach/pdf/kakin-12.pdf https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/hou/require/attach/pdf/chicken-meet-77.pdf (available in English and Japanese)</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 11 February 2020</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>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(8131) 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>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(8131) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>