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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<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 (MAFF)
<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> New specification of paper and stamp for the official Export Quarantine Certificate issued by Japanese Animal Quarantine Service (AQS)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Export Quarantine Certificate (Annex 1), Stamp (Annex 2). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_2491_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_2491_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_2491_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/JPN/18_2491_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> AQS is going to use special paper for the official Export Quarantine Certificates to improve the authenticity of Japanese animal health certificates. The paper has the following specification for the purpose of forgery prevention: (see Annex 1 of notified document) <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Copy-protected paper (term "copy" both in English and Japanese appears when copied);</li><li>2. Holographic Japanese national flag printed at the bottom left;</li><li>3. "Animal Quarantine Service" in large font and "Animal Quarantine Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan" both in English and Japanese in small font printed as the background.</li></ol> In addition to above, new stamp (see Annex 2 of notified document) will be used in attachments to the front page, if any.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Article 5.1.3

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><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>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 June 2018</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 June 2018</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 June 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><b>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><b>13. Text(s) available from:</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>International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp</p>