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Report Name: Japan Proposes Amendments to its Phytosanitary Certificate Requirements

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Report Highlights:

On October 3, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to Japan's Plant Protection Act regarding phytosanitary certificate requirements. The public comment period for the notification (G/SPS/N/JPN/684) will close on December 2, 2019. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to send their comments to the U.S. enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov) by November 25, 2019.

General Information:

On October 3, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to Japan's Plant Protection Act regarding phytosanitary certificate requirements. The WTO notification [G/SPS/N/JPN/684](#) is attached. The proposal specifies plants and uses which will and will not require phytosanitary certificates for imports into Japan. Japan proposes to start enforcing this revision in June 2020.

The public comment period for the WTO notification will close on December 2, 2019. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments with the U.S. enquiry point by emailing us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov by November 25, 2019.

Attachments:

[WTO Notification.pdf](#)

[Detailed Revision.pdf](#)