NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan**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):** Pig meat products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Italy |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Import suspension of pig meat products from Italy. **Language(s):**  **Number of pages:**  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In order to prevent the introduction of African swine fever  (ASF) virus into Japan, MAFF has suspended the import of pig meat products from Italy, including those shipped through third countries, since 8 January 2022 based on the "Animal health requirements for meat and viscera derived from cloven-hoofed animals and sausages, ham and bacon made from the said meat and viscera as raw materials to be exported to Japan from Italy (excluding Sardinia island)" and Articles 37 and 44 of the "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control". |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X] animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** An outbreak of ASF was confirmed in a wild boar in Piemonte, Italy on 6 January 2022. |
| **9.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:** **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** **[****X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** Chapter 15.1, "Infection with African swine fever virus"**[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[ ]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?****[****X] Yes [ ]** **No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**  |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Current "Animal health requirements for meat and viscera derived from cloven-hoofed animals and sausages, ham and bacon made from the said meat and viscera as raw materials to be exported to Japan from Italy (excluding Sardinia island)"<https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/hou/require/attach/pdf/sub2-21.pdf> (available in English and Japanese) |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 8 January 2022   **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **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:** Japan Enquiry PointInternational Trade DivisionEconomic Affairs BureauMinistry of Foreign AffairsFax: +(8131) 5501 8343E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |
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