NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** JAPAN  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** The 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 plants and plant parts (including fruit, flower and pollen, other than seed) of the following plants: *Chaenomeles* *sinensis* (syn. *Pseudocydonia* *sinensis*); bridal wreath (*Spiraea* *prunifolia*); medlar (*Mespilus* *germanica*); loquat (*Eriobotrya* *japonica*); quince (*Cydonia* *oblonga*); dog rose (*Rosa* *canina*); *Aronia; Photinia; Crataegomespilus; Amelanchier; Crataegus; Cotoneaster; Rhaphiolepis; Stranvaesia; Osteomeles; Dichotomanthes; Pyracantha; Docynia; Pyrus; Sorbus; Heteromeles; Peraphyllum; Chaenomeles* (syn. *Choenomeles*); *Malus* |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ] All trading partners**  **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Azerbaijan |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing *Erwinia amylovora*. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** To prevent the introduction of *Erwinia amylovora* into Japan, MAFF has taken emergency measures to prohibit the import of host plants of *E. amylovora* (specified in Item 3. of this notification) originated in Azerbaijan based on examination of the relevant documents listed in Item 10. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] 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:** MAFF has stipulated *Erwinia amylovora* as an important quarantine pest and has prohibited the import of host plants from specific countries where *E. amylovora* is present. To prevent the introduction of *E. amylovora* into Japan, MAFF has decided to ban on importation of its host plants originated in Azerbaijan. This is an urgent action before the enforcement of the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act based on the newly confirmed information on the outbreak and spread of *E. amylovora* in Azerbaijan. |
| **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)*:**  **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** IPPC Article 7, ISPM 1 and ISPM 20  **[ ] 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:**   * List of the Import Prohibited Plants (Annexed Table 2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act), MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950 (online), available from   <https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2.html>   * AQTA (2022) Qax rayonunda meyvə bağlarında fitosanitar monitorinqlər aparılıb (in Azerbaijani). (online), available from <https://afsa.gov.az/az/xeberler/qax-rayonunda-meyve-baglarinda-fitosanitar-monitorinqler-aparilib3077> * AQTA (2023) MEYVƏ AĞACLARININ YANIĞI (*ERWİNİA AMYLOVORA* (BURRILL,1882)) HAQQINDA MƏLUMAT (in Azerbaijani). (online), available from   <https://afsa.gov.az/storage/pages/6622/azerbaycan-respublikasi-erazisinde-meyve-agaclarinin-yanigi-zerervericisinin-statusu-barede-melumat.pdf>   * AQTA (2023) Azərbaycan Respublikasının Qida Təhlükəsizliyi Azərbaycan Respublikası ərazisində məhdud dairədə yayılmış, karantin tətbiq edilən zərərli orqanizmlərin siyahısı (A 2 Qrupu) (in Azerbaijani). (online), available from   <https://afsa.gov.az/storage/pages/6620/azerbaycan-respublikasi-erazisinde-mehdud-dairede-yayilmis-karantin-tetbiq-edilen-zererli-orqanizmlerin-siyahisi-a-2-qrupu.pdf>   * AQTA (2023) Meyvə ağaclarının bakterial yanığının (*Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill,1882)) ekspress risk təhlili (in Azerbaijani). (online), available from   <https://afsa.gov.az/storage/pages/6611/meyve-agaclarinin-bakterial-yaniginin-ekspress-risk-tehlili.pdf>   * CABI (2024) *Erwinia amylovora* (fireblight). In: Crop Protection Compendium. Wallingford, UK: CAB International. (online), available from   <https://www.cabidigitallibrary.org/doi/10.1079/cabicompendium.21908>   * EPPO (2022) First report of *Erwinia amylovora* in Azerbaijan. (online), available from <https://gd.eppo.int/reporting/article-7361> * EPPO (2024) *Erwinia amylovora*. EPPO Global Database. (online), available from <https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/ERWIAM/distribution> * Guliyeva Z. M. (2024) Methods for the Determination of Fire Blight on Pome Fruit Crop Plants in the Western Part of Azerbaijan. Bulletin of Science and Practice, 10: 105-114 (in Russian). (online), available from   <https://www.bulletennauki.ru/gallery/99_04.pdf>   * Quliyeva, Z. M. and İ. H. Cəfərov (2023) Determination of the current status of bacterial blight (*Erwinia amylovora*) Disease in pome fruits. Scientific works of ADAU 2023 No.3: 23-27(in Azerbaijani). (online), available from   <http://journal.adau.edu.az/journals/2023-3.pdf> |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 28 August 2024  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
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| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  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](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp) |