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):** Poultry meat and egg products thereof |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Germany, and countries, regions or zones approved as free from HPAI and LPAI by Japan:<https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/news/third-free.html> |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Import suspension of poultry meat and egg products from the state of Niedersachsen, Germany. **Language(s):** . **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 poultry meat and egg products from the state of Niedersachsen of Germany, including those shipped through third countries, since 20 November 2020 based on the "Animal Health Requirements for day-old chicks and hatching eggs to be exported to Japan from Germany", "Animal Health Requirements for poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan from Germany" and the Articles 37 and 44 of the "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control".Poultry meat products derived from animals slaughtered on and before 25 October 2020 and poultry egg products derived from eggs laid on and before 25 October 2020 from the state of Niedersachsen of Germany are eligible to be exported to Japan, taking into consideration the incubation period of the HPAI virus stipulated in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code. |
| **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:** On 17 November 2020, an outbreak of H5N8 HPAI was confirmed in a backyard farm for poultry in the state of Niedersachsen of Germany. |
| **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 10.4. "Infection with avian influenza viruses"**[ ]** **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 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" <http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/hou/require/attach/pdf/kakin-21.pdf>, <http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/hou/require/attach/pdf/chicken-meet-77.pdf> (available in English and Japanese) |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 20 November 2020**[ ]** **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: +(81 31) 5501 8343E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |
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