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 |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Australia, 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 live poultry, poultry meat and egg products from Australia. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In order to prevent the introduction of H7N7 Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) virus into Japan, MAFF has suspended the import of live poultry, poultry meat and egg products from Australia, including those shipped through third countries, on 3 August 2020 based on the "Animal Health Requirements for poultry meat to be exported to Japan from Australia" and the Article 37 and 44 of the "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control".  Poultry meat products derived from animals slaughtered on and after 3 August 2020 and poultry egg products derived from eggs laid on and after 3 August 2020 are not 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 31 July 2020, an outbreak of H7N7 HPAI was confirmed in a commercial layer poultry in the Lethbridge, Victoria. |
| **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 poultry meat to be exported to Japan from Australia"  <http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/hou/require/attach/pdf/chicken-meet-34.pdf> (Available in English and Japanese) |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 3 August 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 Point  International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Fax: +(81 31) 5501 8343  E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp) |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Japan Enquiry Point  International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Fax: +(81 31) 5501 8343  E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp) |