NOTIFICATION

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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):** Abolition of the "ORIGINAL" stamp for the official Export Quarantine Certificate issued by Japanese Animal Quarantine Service (AQS) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X]** **All trading partners** **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** The "ORIGINAL" stamp (Annex 1).**Language(s):**  **Number of pages:** <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/JPN/22_0869_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Having used the forge-proof papers since 2018, The AQS will abolish the "ORIGINAL" stamps (see Annex1 of the notified document) for Export Quarantine Certificates in order to simplify the issuance procedure. |
| **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.** | **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)*:** **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[****X]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[ ]****Yes [ ]****No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** This is a minor adjustment due to the change in the certificate material, not an obligation for exporters, thus causes a negligible effect on trade. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 March 2022**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 March 2022**[ ]****Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable**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:** International Trade DivisionEconomic Affairs BureauMinistry of Foreign Affairs2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-kuTokyo 100-8919, JapanFax: +(81 3) 5501 8343E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |
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