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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
3.	<b>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):</b> Poultry meat and egg products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b> Province of East Flanders and Limburg, Belgium
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Import suspension of poultry meat and egg products from Province of East Flanders and Limburg in Belgium. <b>Language(s):</b> <b>Number of pages:</b>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> In order to prevent the introduction of High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus into Japan, MAFF has suspended the import of poultry meat and egg products from Province of East Flanders and Limburg in Belgium, including those shipped through third countries, since 23 September 2022, based on Articles 37 and 44 of the "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control", and "Animal Health Requirements for the poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan from the Kingdom of Belgium".
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Outbreak of HPAI was confirmed in poultry holding in Province of East Flanders and Limburg in Belgium.
9.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Chapter 10.4. "Infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses" <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>	
<b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>	Current "Animal Health Requirements for the poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan from the Kingdom of Belgium": <a href="https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/hou/require/pdf/Belgium_AHRs_poultrymeat.pdf">https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/hou/require/pdf/Belgium_AHRs_poultrymeat.pdf</a> (available in English and Japanese)
<b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b>	23 September 2022  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>	Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 31) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp
<b>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>	Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 31) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp