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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
<b>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):</b> Live poultry, poultry meat and egg products thereof.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b> the Netherlands, and countries, regions or zones approved as free from HPAI and LPAI by Japan <a href="https://www.maff.go.jp/ags/english/news/third-free.html">https://www.maff.go.jp/ags/english/news/third-free.html</a> .
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Import suspension of live poultry, poultry meat and egg products from the Netherlands. <b>Language(s):</b> . <b>Number of pages:</b>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> In order to prevent the introduction of H5N8 Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) virus into Japan, MAFF has suspended the import of Day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry, and liquid poultry eggs from the compartments No.13 and 18 and poultry meat products and poultry eggs other than Liquid eggs from the entire territory of the Netherlands, including those shipped through third countries, from 30 October 2020 based on the "Animal Health Requirements for day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry to be exported to Japan from the Kingdom of the Netherlands" and "Animal Health Requirements for poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan from the Kingdom of the Netherlands", and the Article 37 and 44 of the "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control".  Taking into consideration the incubation period of the HPAI virus stipulated in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, poultry products attached with health certificates attesting that the products were produced on and before the 6th October 2020 and were stored and handled in a way to prevent exposure of pathogens of any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment will be the exception from the suspension.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b>  On 29 October 2020, an outbreak of H5N8 HPAI was confirmed in a commercial broiler parent stock in Altforst, Gelderland.

9.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><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 avian influenza viruses".</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Current "Animal Health Requirements for day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry to be exported to Japan from the Kingdom of the Netherlands" and "Animal Health Requirements for poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan from the Kingdom of the Netherlands"</p> <p><a href="http://www.maff.go.jp/ags/hou/require/attach/pdf/kakin-20.pdf">http://www.maff.go.jp/ags/hou/require/attach/pdf/kakin-20.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.maff.go.jp/ags/hou/require/attach/pdf/chicken-meet-83.pdf">http://www.maff.go.jp/ags/hou/require/attach/pdf/chicken-meet-83.pdf</a></p> <p>(Available in English and Japanese)</p>
11.	<p><b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 30 October 2020</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(8131) 5501 8343 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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:</p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(8131) 5501 8343 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a></p>