NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** JAPAN**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** The 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):** * Live plants and plant parts for planting (excluding seed and underground parts) and cut flowers, cut branches and fruits of plants for consumption and ornament of the following plants: Cucurbitaceae
* Fresh fruits of the following plants:hondala (*Adeniahondala*), African custard-apple (*Annona* *senegalensis*), *Ficus* *erecta*, black nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*), common bean (kidney bean) (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), Ficus pumila, Mexican husk tomato (*Physalis* *philadelphica* (syn. *Physalis* *ixocarpa*)), cashew (*Anacardium* *occidentale*), *Capsicum* *frutescens*, pigeon pea (*Cajanus* *cajan*), *Solanum capsicoides* (syn. *Solanum* *aculeatissimum*), passion fruit (*Passiflora edulis*), tamarillo (*Cyphomandra betacea* (syn. *Pionandra betacea*, *Solanum betaceum*, *Solanum* *insigne*)), carambola (*Averrhoa* *carambola*), cowpea (*Vigna* *unguiculata* (including *Vigna* *unguiculata* var. *sesquipedalis*)), sweet orange (*Citrus sinensis*), *Strychnos* *spinosa*, scarlet eggplant (*Solanum aethiopicum*), African eggplant (*Solanum* *anguivi*), *Solanum sessiliflorum*, *Solanum* *trilobatum*, *Solanum* *macrocarpon*, *Solanum* *linnaeanum*, *Solanum* *mauritianum*, *Solanum pseudocapsicum*, *Tetrastigma leucostaphylum* (syn. *Tetrastigma lanceolarium*), sweet pepper (chili pepper, Shishito pepper, bell pepper) (*Capsicum annuum*), tomato (including *Lycopersicon esculentum* (syn. *Solanum* *lycopersicum*), *Solanum* *arcanum*, *Solanum cheesmaniae*, *Solanum* *chilense*, *Solanum* *galapagense*, *Solanum* *peruvianum*, *Solanum* *pimpinellifolium*), eggplant (*Solanum* *melongena*), jujube (*Ziziphus* *jujuba* (syn. *Ziziphus* *vulgaris*, *Ziziphus* *sativa*)), papaya (*Carica* *papaya*), guava (*Psidium* *guajava*), hyacinth bean (*Lablab* *purpureus* (syn. *Dolichos* *lablab*)), Singapore almond (*Terminalia* *catappa*), *Solanum erianthum* (syn. *Solanum* *verbascifolium*), *Hylocereus* (excluding yellow pitahaya (*Hylocereus megalanthus* (syn. *Selenicereus* *megalanthus*)), *Mangifera*, Cucurbitaceae
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| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ] All trading partners** **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Oman |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Emergency measures to mitigate the risk of introducing *Bactrocera cucurbitae*. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:**  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** To prevent the introduction of *Bactrocera cucurbitae* into Japan, MAFF has taken emergency measures to prohibit the import of host plants of *B. cucurbitae* (specified in Item 3. of this notification) originated in Oman based on examination of the relevant documents listed in Item 10. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] 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:** MAFF has stipulated *Bactrocera cucurbitae* as important quarantine pest and has prohibited the import of host plants from specific countries where *B. cucurbitae* is present. To prevent the introduction of the pest into Japan, MAFF has decided to ban on import of the host plants of *B. cucurbitae* originated in Oman. This is an emergency action before the enforcement of the revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act based on the newly confirmed information on the outbreak and spread of *B. cucurbitae* in Oman. |
| **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)*:** **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** IPPC Article 7, ISPM 1 and ISPM 20**[ ] 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:** * List of the Import Prohibited Plants (Annexed Table 2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act), MAF Ordinance No. 73/1950 (online), available from

<https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2.html>* Al-Ansari, S. (2023) Characterization of fruit flies (Diptera: Tephritidae) present in Oman. (Abstract) Journal of Agricultural & Marine Sciences (JAMS) 28: 104.
* Al-Ansari, S. and A. Al Wahaibi (2024) Fruit Flies Fauna, Bio-ecology, Economic Importance and Management with an Overview of the Current State of Knowledge in the Sultanate of Oman and the Arabian Peninsula. Journal of Agricultural and Marine Sciences [JAMS], 29(1), 15-55. (online), available from

<https://journals.squ.edu.om/index.php/jams/article/view/6536>* Al-Ansari, S., A. Al Wahaibi, N. Al Abri and R. Al Shidi (2024) Species Diversity, Distribution and Population Dynamics of Fruit Flies In Oman. In 5th TEAM Meeting Tephritid Workers of Europe, Africa and the Middle East (Book of Abstracts): 78. (online), available from

<https://team2024.govmu.org/team2024/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/final%2015.04.2024.pdf>* EPPO (2024) *Bactrocera dorsalis*. EPPO Global Database. (online), available from <https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/DACUDO/distribution>
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| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 1 September 2024**[ ] Trade facilitating measure**  |
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