NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Semen and Embryo derived from cattle, horse and pig for breeding (HS: 0511.10; 0511.99) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Amendment of the Ordinance for the Enforcement of the Act on Improvement and Increased Production of Livestock |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In order to prevent fraudulent transaction and unauthorised distribution by ensuring the traceability from the production to the artificial insemination and embryo transfer, MAFF will amend the Ordinance for the Enforcement of the Act on Improvement and Increased Production of Livestock. This amendment will establish the requirements for the labelling on plastic straw filled with "designated semen or embryo", which are used for artificial insemination or embryo transfer.  The following items need to be labelled on plastic straws.  a) Semen  1) Name of sperm donor  2) Collection date  - Its individual identification number (Bovine) of semen can be labelled as a substitute of 1), when it is inappropriate to label a name of sperm donor.  b) Embryo  1) Names of sperm and oocyte donor, or their individual identification numbers (Bovine)  2) Collection date  3) Registlation number of Artificial Insemination Center.  - Certificate number of embryo can be labelled as a substitute of 1) and 2).  Note: This amendment will be followed by the ordinance, in which "Designated semen and embryo" will be specified for Japanese Black, Japanese Brown, Japanese Shorthorn, Japanese Polled, and hybrids among those 4 breeds. The inappropriate transactions of the "Designated semen and embryo" will be prohibited by Act on Prevention of Unfair Competition on Genetic Resources of Livestock, published in April 2020 |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** The amendment of the Ordinance for the Enforcement of the Act on Improvement and Increased Production of Livestock is to be published in the Official Gazette, "KAMPO". (Available in Japanese) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** September 2020  **Proposed date of entry into force:** October 2020 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 16 September 2020 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** |