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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> Raw milk and/or un-heated/un-treated milk products
<b>4. 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> Hungary; the Slovak Republic and countries, regions or zones approved as free from, FMD by Japan <a href="https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/dairy_products_en.html">https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/dairy_products_en.html</a>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Import suspension of raw milk and/or un-heated/un-treated milk products from Hungary and the Slovak Republic. <b>Language(s):</b> . <b>Number of pages:</b>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> In order to prevent the introduction of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) virus into Japan, MAFF has suspended the import of raw milk and/or un-heated/un-treated milk products from Hungary and the Slovak Republic, including those shipped through third countries, on 7 March 2025 based on the "Animal Health Requirements for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan from Listed countries" and the Articles 37 and 44 of the "Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control".  This is to inform that MAFF has removed Hungary and the Slovak Republic from the listed countries.
<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> An outbreak of FMD was confirmed in cattle in Kisbajcs, Győr-Moson-Sopron county, Hungary, close to the border with the Slovak Republic, on 6 March 2025. The restricted zone overlaps the state border between Hungary and the Slovak Republic, thus the Slovak Republic established the restricted zone on the territory of the Slovak Republic in accordance with the valid EU legislation.

<p><b>9. 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 8.8. "Infection with foot and mouth disease virus"</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>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Animal Health Requirements for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan from Listed countries" <a href="https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/pdf/dairy_products_listed_countries.pdf">https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/pdf/dairy_products_listed_countries.pdf</a></li> <li>- "Animal Health Requirements for milk products to be exported to Japan from countries other than Listed countries" <a href="https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/pdf/dairy_products_other_than_listed_countries.pdf">https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/pdf/dairy_products_other_than_listed_countries.pdf</a> (available in English and Japanese)</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 7 March 2025</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><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></p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 31) 5501 8343 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a></p>
<p><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></p> <p>Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 31) 5501 8343 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a></p>