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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: JAPAN
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** 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 crustaceans limited to Penaeidae and Palaemonidae, and live molluscs limited to Haliotis rubra and Haliotis laevigata, and their aquatic animal products for aquaculture
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Revision of the Enforcement Ordinance of the Act on the Protection of Fishery Resources. **Language(s): Number of pages:** -
- **6. Description of content:** The content of the amendment:
 - 1. Add infection with decapod iridescent virus 1 to the list of diseases subject to import quarantine for Penaeidae and Palaemonidae.
 - 2. Add *Haliotis rubra* and *Haliotis laevigata* to the list of target animals for infection with abalone herpesvirus.

Since the above-mentioned diseases will become subject to import quarantine after the amended regulation enters into force, the exporting country and Japan will need to discuss the relevant risk management measures and establish the import requirements. Live crustaceans (Penaeidae and Palaemonidae), live molluscs (*Haliotis rubra* and *Haliotis laevigata*), and their aquatic animal products for aquaculture must then be accompanied by an appropriate health certificate to meet the bilaterally agreed import requirements upon importation into Japan.

- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. 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):
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapters 9.3, 11.1.
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

[] 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:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: This revision is to be publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted (available in Japanese).

The current Ministerial Ordinance is available from the URL; https://laws.e-gov.go.jp/law/326AC1000000313

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): End of March 2026.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): End of March 2026.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 February 2026

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