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Report Highlights:

On April 21, 2020, Japan notified the World Trade Organization via G/SPS/N/JPN/755 of temporary measures to accept scanned or hard copies of export certificates for animals, plants, and their products in order to facilitate trade during the COVID-19 outbreak. However, copies of these certificates must be provided by the competent authority of the exporting country or verifiable through an official website or system.

On April 21, 2020, Japan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) via [G/SPS/N/JPN/755](#) that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) will accept scanned or hard copies of export certificates for animals, plants, and their products exported to Japan in order to facilitate trade during the COVID-19 outbreak. However, copies of these certificates must be provided by the competent authority of the exporting country or verifiable through an official website or system. Details are in the attached Annexes to the original WTO notification.

[Annex 1: Procedure for temporary measurements to accept scanned or hard copies of export certificates for plant health](#)

[Annex 2: Procedure for temporary measures to accept scanned or hard copies of export certificates for animal health](#)

Attachments:

No Attachments.