

PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION

15 November 2023

Subject: Emergency Measures for *Euphorbia prostrata*, *Euphorbia tirucalli* and

***Euphorbia trigona* Plants for planting**

To whom it may concern,

This is to notify you of the emergency measures in Japan for *Euphorbia prostrata*, *Euphorbia tirucalli* and *Euphorbia trigona* plants for planting.

1. Plants subject to the measures

Underground parts of the live plants being capable of planting for cultivation (excluding live plants that are aseptically cultured, sealed in test tubes, flasks, etc., and imported being free from the quarantine pest) of *Euphorbia prostrata*, *Euphorbia tirucalli* and *Euphorbia trigona* from the “Region/countries” of the item 13 of the Annexed Table 2-2 published on the web page: https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/law/houki/shorei/E_Annexed_Table2-2.html

2. Details of the measures

Test of “plants subject to the measures” for *Meloidogyne enterolobii* shall be conducted in import inspection in Japan.

Applicable Date: 29 November 2023.

WTO/SPS notification of emergency measures requiring exporting countries to certify that the plants originated in the “Region/countries” meet the requested measures will be made. Please be advised that the plants not meeting the requested measures should be destroyed or shipped back on or after the date of entry into force of the notification.

3. Requested measures

See “Requirements” of the item 13 of the Annexed Table 2-2 published on the web page:

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4. Background

M. enterolobii was isolated from underground parts, including nematode galls of *E. trigona* live plants during the import inspection. The nematode was identified as *M. enterolobii* using molecular and morphological method. Furthermore, *E. prostrata* and *E. tirucalli* could be determined as host plants for *M. enterolobii* based on newly confirmed information.

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