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Subject: The cold treatment in sea containers during sea transport for fresh citrus from Türkiye

Thank you for your continued cooperation with Japan's phytosanitary activities.

For fresh citrus (orange, *C. reticulata* × *C. sinensis*, lemon, grapefruit and mandarin) from Türkiye whose import is allowed on the condition of the cold treatment in sea containers during sea transport, Japan has imposed the completion of the cold treatment prior to arrival. In this regard, MAFF has just amended the Ministry Notice on 25 November 2025 (No. 1759) and then allowed continuation of the cold treatment after arrival in Japan in case where MAFF verifies that there is no problem in the viewpoint of risk management.

MAFF has also amended the Plant Quarantine Enforcement Regulations Detailed Rules for this fresh citrus from Türkiye (No.07/shouan/4918) in order to clarify the implementation procedures of the continuation of the cold treatment.

In accordance with the above amendment of the Ministry Notice and the Detailed Rules, please take the following processes 1 – 3 when the treatment is not completed prior to arrival in Japan and Türkiye requests continuation of the treatment after arrival.

1. Make a request to the Plant Protection Station (PPS) of MAFF for continuation of the treatment in writing or by e-mail before arrival of the container or without delay after its arrival. The request should attach the following information, (i) the container number, (ii) the seal number, (iii) the place and additional duration for the completion of the treatment and (iv) the reason why the continuation of the treatment is required. Please note that continuation of the treatment should be conducted in the container terminal where the container is offloaded.
2. Submit the records of the fruit core temperatures to the PPS before arrival of the container or without delay after its arrival.

3. Request the importer, through the exporter, to submit the application for import inspection to the PPS before arrival of the container or without delay after its arrival.

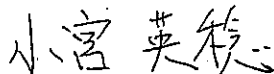
MAFF cannot allow the continuation of the treatment if the above 1 or 2 is not done by Türkiye, the above 3 is not done by the importer or the container is found to be damaged at import check in Japan. In addition, MAFF does not allow the re-start of the cold treatment such as by temperature rise or missing temperature record after arrival.

If it is confirmed that the treatment is not properly completed at import inspection in Japan, MAFF will dispose of or send back the fruits.

Also, MAFF requests Argentina to advise the exporter to complete the treatment as much as possible prior to offloading the container for efficient plant quarantine in Japan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely yours,



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