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Plant quarantine requirements of forage for feeding from Russia

Please be informed that there are plant quarantine requirements to be considered in addition to animal health requirements upon import of forage into Japan referred to during the technical consultation held on 13th November 2016. Please transfer this information to a person in charge of Russian plant quarantine authority.

1. Kinds of plants to be used as forage

For consultation on export of forage to Japan, kinds of plants (plant names (e.g. genus, species) of forage need to be clarified as much as possible.

Stems and leaves of forage such as timothy and orchard grass are categorized as "Articles subject to import inspection for entry" under the Plant Protection Act. Import is possible if a phytosanitary certificate issued by a Russian plant quarantine authority is attached to the article to be imported.

In order to prevent Hessian fly (*Mayetiola destructor*) from entering Japan since Hessian fly is one of the important insect pests not yet occurring in Japan, import of straw of wheat and barley or forage with their straw from countries where the pest is occurring like Russia is prohibited in principle.

Please be aware of the above and have consultations while clarifying kinds of plants to be exported upon the consultations on export of forage to Japan.

2. Import of straw of wheat and barley for forage from Russia to Japan

As described above, Japan currently prohibits import of Russian straw of wheat and barley from the viewpoint of preventing Hessian fly from entering Japan.

Therefore, for lifting a ban on import of straw of wheat and barley for forage, it is necessary for Russian side to develop a quarantine measure to prevent Hessian fly (*Mayetiola destructor*) from entering Japan and for both countries to hold technical consultations on efficacy of the measure and come to an agreement.

Once Japanese plant quarantine authorities receive a letter requesting for lifting a ban on import from Russian plant quarantine authorities, we can proceed with technical consultation on import conditions.

Document1 : Import quarantine procedures of Japan

Document2 : Plants to which import is prohibited as a host of Hessian Fly

Document3 : Hessian Fly (*Mayetiola destructor*)

Document4 : Procedures for lifting import ban

For this matter, please do not hesitate to consult us for any questions.

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