

## **Annex 1: Procedure for temporary measurements to accept scanned or hard copies of export certificates for plant health**

The National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the exporting country should send an e-mail to “[ippc\\_contact@maff.go.jp](mailto:ippc_contact@maff.go.jp)” with an official letter stating that the country would like to apply for the temporary measures in this document.

In case exporters have difficulties to submit certified copies of phytosanitary certificates, the Japan Plant Protection Organization will accept one of the following as the equivalent to the original phytosanitary certificate for the time being.

1. A hard copy of the phytosanitary certificate submitted by the importer that includes specific information on the phytosanitary certificate number identifiable through official website, as well as the confirmation that the certificate is issued by the NPPO of the exporting country.
2. A scanned copy of the phytosanitary certificate in the PDF format, that is provided from the government of exporting country to the Japan Plant Protection Organization ([pps\\_Phyto\\_mailbox\\_jp@maff.go.jp](mailto:pps_Phyto_mailbox_jp@maff.go.jp)) by using one of the following email addresses:
  - 2-1. IPPC Official Contact Point
  - 2-2. Government organizations of the exporting country
  - 2-3. Organization that is notified in advance and registered to the following email address:  
Address: [ippc\\_contact@maff.go.jp](mailto:ippc_contact@maff.go.jp)

When sending an e-mail, please keep in mind the following to facilitate the operation,

- specify the country name in the subject of the e-mail
- create a PDF file for each phytosanitary certificate attaching to the e-mail
- specify the phytosanitary certificate identification number in file name of the attachment.

Even in case when scanned copies of the phytosanitary certificate are accepted, the original phytosanitary certificates must be submitted to the Japan Plant Protection Organization as soon as it becomes available.