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**Subject: Follow-up of our meeting on 02 December 2020  
Your letter of 20 December 2020**

Dear Dr Michino,

I wish to thank you for the information provided at our virtual meeting on 2 December 2020.

In reply to your letter of 20 December and as already explained at the meeting, the EU measures have been regularly reviewed and have progressively been alleviated. The requirement of pre-export testing on radioactivity prior to export to the EU is limited to products for which extensive monitoring in Japan has shown that an exceedance of the maximum levels applicable in Japan might still occur. This pre-export testing requirement ensures that the product exported to the EU is compliant. Those measures have avoided adopting a ban on Japan exports to the EU. This approach is indispensable to maintain the trust of EU citizens in the safety of the food from Japan. The maximum levels applied to imports of feed and food from Japan are identical to the maximum levels the Government of Japan is applying for its domestic market, and are therefore not discriminatory.

As also requested at the meeting, I would be grateful if you could provide all information available on the presence of radionuclides in the stored contaminated cooling water and the studies performed on the possible consequences of possible release of this cooling water for the presence/accumulation of radionuclides in food and the possible consequences for the marine ecosystem.

In particular, I acknowledge that we have already received information on the presence of radionuclides in the contaminated cooling water but observe that all analyses have been performed by, or on request of, TEPCO. Thus, to be able to assess the safety of the

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disposal of treated water and possible consequences for food and (aquatic) environment, it is important to gather sufficient data on the presence of all possible radionuclides in the cooling water, of which the sampling and analysis has also been performed independently from TEPCO.

I thank you for the good cooperation and look forward to receiving this additional information.

Yours sincerely,

*[e-signed]*

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