

Plant Quarantine Inspections of Japan

Plant Protection Stations perform import inspections for plants to prevent the entry of harmful pests from overseas into Japan, and export inspections based on plant quarantine requirements specified by destination countries in order to prevent similar problems abroad.

Plant quarantine inspections are required when bringing plants into Japan from abroad or taking plants out of Japan.

Import Procedures when Bringing Plants into Japan from Another Country (Plants Transported in Personal Baggage)

Import inspections are required for all plants—even plants purchased at duty-free shops, small-sized plants and so forth—to ensure that no harmful pests are entering the country along with them. Complete an inspection at the Plant Quarantine Counter before going through customs inspections.

Immigration Inspection



Imported Plant Inspection
(Plant Quarantine Counter)



Please submit any inspection certificates issued by the exporting country (known as "phytosanitary certificates" and issued in tag form) to the plant quarantine officer at the Plant Quarantine Counter.

If phytosanitary certificates are not presented, the plants will be disposed. Legal penalties may apply to violation cases such as imports without phytosanitary certificates or without plant import inspection.

Examples of Items Requiring Import Inspections:

- Seedlings/saplings, bulbs, seeds
- Cut flowers
- Fruits, vegetables
- Grains / cereal grass, beans
- Wood materials / lumber
- Items used as ingredients for making spices, herbal medicines, etc.

Items Whose Import is Prohibited in Japan

- Soil
- Plants attached with soil
- Quarantine pests which are injurious to plants and plant products
- Rice straw or rice husks

In addition, certain fruits and vegetables may be banned (import-prohibited items) depending on the country/region where they were produced or the country/region from which they were exported.

Banned fruits and vegetable can be confirmed (in English) via the Database for Importing Conditions.



Database for Importing Conditions (English)

Customs Inspection



Export Procedures when Taking Plants from Japan to Another Country (Plants Transported in Personal Baggage)

When taking fruits, vegetables and other such plants and items from Japan into another country/region, you must adhere to the regulations (quarantine requirements) of the destination country/region.

Depending on the plant type, the destination (importing) country/region may prohibit the import of certain plants, require export inspections by a Plant Protection Station, or have other such regulations.

Confirmation of Export Destination Country's Quarantine Regulations



Export Requirement Quick Reference Chart
for Personally Transported Items (English)

For information on items not included in the quick reference charts, destination country quarantine requirements, or other such details, please contact a Japanese Plant Protection Station, or the destination country's plant quarantine authority or embassy in Japan.



Plant Export Inspection

If the destination country's quarantine requirements include export inspection in Japan, complete any required export inspection at a Plant Protection Station or a major airport's Plant Quarantine Counter before starting boarding procedures. No fee is required for plant export inspections, issuance of phytosanitary certificates, etc.

Airports with Export Quarantine Inspection Counters

- New Chitose Airport: International Passenger Terminal Bld. (3rd Floor), CIQ exhibition room
- Haneda Airport: International Passenger Terminal (3rd Floor), near the Airline Check-in Counter L
- Narita Airport: Passenger Terminal 1 (1st Floor) South Wing, Passenger Terminal 2 (1st Floor) Zone-A
- Chubu International Airport: Passenger Terminal (3rd Floor), near the International Airline Check-in Counter A
- Kansai Airport: Terminal 1 Bld. (4th Floor North Side), near the North Departures Gate
- Fukuoka Airport: International Terminal Bld. (3rd Floor Southside), near the Airline Check-in Counter M

Export inspections can be carried out on or prior to the day of shipment/transport from Japan at one of the Plant Protection Stations. We request that persons requesting inspections make an appointment in advance. If you plan to carry the item(s) with you personally, it may take longer to complete inspections at the Plant Protection Station, so please arrive early enough to ensure that you have enough time to make your flight/boat out of Japan afterward.

Boarding Procedures

Customs Inspection

Emigration (Departure) Inspection



Inquiries regarding export inspections (English)

