Before travelling with your pet or bringing back any meat product as souvenirs, please check this brochure!
Animals and Animal Products Required for Quarantine

Once brought into Japan, animal infectious diseases may cause fatal damage to the livestock industry and to the public health. Animals and animal products listed below require inspection and quarantine procedures before they can be allowed in. Importing animals and animal products without inspection is against the law and will lead to prosecution. These rules apply to products without regard for commercial or personal use.

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Note (1): The Law Concerning the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Medical Care for Patients of Infectious Diseases.

● These animals and animal products can only be imported through the designated airports and seaports.
● Inspection and quarantine procedures will apply for straw of grains, forage for feeding and causative agent of animal infectious disease.
① After passport control, bring your rabbit to the animal quarantine service counter before proceeding to customs.

② The rabbit needs to be quarantined at animal quarantine office in arrival airport or seaport for a full day for inspection (requires 3 days including the arrival and release days).

③ If the rabbit is free from any sign of infectious disease, the rabbit will be released on the third day.

Rabbits without Inspection Certificate cannot be brought into Japan.

Animals
Rabbits

Some kinds of aquatic animals require an import permit of Minister of MAFF Japan.

Target aquatic animals (All life stages)
Species of genus Carassius, Cyprinus carpio, Salmonidae, Pagrus major, Marsupenaeus japonicus, Palaemonidae, Acetes japonicus, Haliotis, Mizuhopecten yessoensis etc.

*Including the followings.
・Live aquatic animals for human consumption under some conditions.
・Non-living aquatic animals for feeding.

For more information, please refer to AQS website.

Animals
Aquatic animals

★ Import inspection procedures ★
Require an Inspection Certificate issued by the government authorities of the exporting country in order to confirm that the rabbit does not have infectious diseases.

★ Import Animal products ★
Don’t bring in banned items!
Bringing meat, ham, sausage or any other meat products from nearly countries and regions to Japan is prohibited by Japanese law.

Animal products from permitted countries or regions still need Inspection Certificates!
Items other than banned items still need the Inspection Certificate issued by the government authorities of the exporting country. Please be aware that items bought at a tax-free shop do not automatically carry the Inspection Certificate.

★Steps for importing animal products to Japan★
① After the passport control and the baggage claim, to go to the animal quarantine service counter before proceeding to customs.
② The animal quarantine officer will inspect the product and the Inspection Certificate issued by the government authorities of the exporting country.
③ If everything is in order, you can take it home.

*Items which fail to satisfy the requirements, or products whose packaging has been opened before the inspection, cannot be brought into Japan.
Animals

**Dogs and Cats**

- Require an Inspection Certificate issued by the government authorities of the exporting country in order to confirm the followings;

**From designated regions**

Designated regions: Rabies-free regions designated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (as of Sep. 2016) are: Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii and Guam.

1. The dog or cat has individual identification with microchip.
2. The dog or cat has stayed only in the designated region in the last 180 days or since its birth or since it had left Japan.
3. The region is free of rabies at least for the last 2 years.
4. The dog or cat did not have or show any sign of rabies (and Leptospirosis in case of the dog) at the pre-export inspection.

**From regions other than designated regions**

1. The dog or cat has individual identification with microchip.
2. The dog or cat immunized vaccine (inactivate or recombinant) against rabies at least twice after being identified with microchip. The first vaccination has to be injected later than 91 days old. A booster vaccination has to be administered later than 30 days after the previous one and before the expiry of the efficacy of the vaccine.
3. The antibody level after the second vaccination must equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml. The serological test must be conducted at a laboratory designated by the Japanese government.
4. The arrival date to Japan has to be at least after 180 days and within 2 years of the blood sampling of the aforementioned test③. In case the efficacy of the booster vaccination expires before arrival, another one is required before the expiry.
5. The dog or cat did not have or show any sign of rabies (and Leptospirosis in case of the dog) at the pre-export inspection just before departure.
① Notify the animal quarantine service of the arriving airport or seaport at least 40 days prior to the arrival to Japan.
② Make sure you receive the Approval of Import Inspection of Animals and bring it with you when you enter Japan.
③ Obtain the Inspection Certificate issued by the government authorities of the exporting country before departure (Refer p3).
④ After passport control, bring your animal to the animal quarantine service counter before proceeding to the customs.
⑤ Fill in the application for import inspection of animals. The Animal Quarantine Officer will check the Approval of Import Inspection of Animals, the Inspection Certificate issued by the government authorities of the exporting country and the microchip ID number of the animal. If complete, the animal will be released within 12 hours.

*In case of incomplete documentation, the animal may have to be subject to import quarantine for up to 180 days.
*Dogs without Inspection Certificate cannot be brought into Japan.
*The internet is available for the import quarantine application for dog and/or cat. Please check our following website, http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs
**Animals**

**Rabbits**

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Animals and animal products which are taken out of Japan also need inspection at the animal quarantine service in the airports and seaports. Prior to contacting the animal quarantine service, please check the import requirements of the destination country by making inquiry at government country’s embassy or agencies in Japan.

* As for dogs and cats which will be brought back to Japan after travel, preparatory procedures in Japan before departure can save the quarantine period on returning.

* Rabbits need to stay at the animal quarantine service office for a full day for inspection. Three days in total including the arrival and departure days.

* You can bring meat products with export quarantine certificate (carry-on certificate) to particular countries from Japan as souvenir.

### Quarantine Detector Dogs

Some people bring animal products into Japan without going through the inspection. In order to prevent animal infectious diseases from entering Japan through such animal products, detector dogs are deployed to sniff out animal products at the baggage claim area in airport.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Animal and animal products need application to the respective authorities.

Live cattle, pig, sheep, goat, deer, horse, chicken, quail, pheasant, ostrich, guinea fowl, turkey, duck, goose and relatives (order Anseriformes), dog, rabbit, honeybee, products of food using aforementioned animals, cat, raccoon, fox, skunk, non-human primates, straw of grains and forage for feeding, some kinds of aquatic animals.

Animal Quarantine Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Live Rodents, Lagomorpha and other live terrestrial mammals, live birds, carcasses of Rodents and Lagomorpha.

The Quarantine Station, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (notification)

Importation prohibited animals: Chinese ferret badger, Bat, Raccoon-dog, Masked-palm civet, Prairie dog, Natal multimammate mouse (Mastomys natalensis)

For more information please check our website at http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs

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