

# For Individuals Importing Rice

(お米を輸入される方へ)

## Import

- When importing rice into Japan from overseas, you are required to pay the prescribed customs duties for rice import to the Japanese government in accordance with the provisions of the Law for Stabilization of Supply-Demand and Price of Staple Food, the Customs Law, and other legislation.
- If you meet certain requirements, however, you may be exempt from the customs duties. To receive exemption from duties on rice imported for personal use (for the personal use of the importer), you must perform general duty-exemption procedures for items for personal use and submit and have approved a report stating that you have imported 100 kg or less of rice within the past one year.
- Please submit a report indicating the import amount at your nearby Regional Agricultural Administration Offices or District Agricultural Offices prior to the import or at the Plant Quarantine Counter at the airport or seaport when you arrive in Japan.
- To receive exemption from customs duties, you must, in principle, submit a report regardless of the manner of import, whether you import rice by international home delivery service or international mail or by carrying it in as hand baggage or sending it as unaccompanied baggage.
- Please be advised that if you attempt to import rice for personal use without submitting the necessary report or if you submit false documents, you may be charged a maximum penalty of ¥200,000 by law.

## Outlined below are the details of the procedures.

**1** Please complete the Report for the Import of Rice (Import for personal use) and submit it to your nearby Regional Agricultural Administration Offices or District Agricultural Offices prior to the import of rice. When you submit the report, please present materials that can be used to verify your name and address, such as a driver's license.

- The Customhouse Copy and the Importer Copy of the report will be returned to you after the amount of rice you have imported in the past one year has been verified.
- If you have imported over 100 kg of rice in the past one year, you will be required to pay separately duties on rice imports prior to performing customs procedures. Please inquire at a Regional Agricultural Administration Office or District Agricultural Office for details.

**2** Please submit the Customhouse Copy to the customs official when you go through customs with the rice.

..... This completes the procedures.

## For Individuals Who Are Returning from an Overseas Trip with Rice and Have Not Submitted a Report

● **To Import Rice by Carrying It in as Hand Baggage-**  
If you import rice by carrying it in as hand baggage, you may perform the necessary procedures at the Plant Quarantine Counter at the airport or seaport when you arrive in Japan. Please complete the report and submit it to a plant protection official.

When you submit this report, please present materials that can be used to verify your identity, such as your passport.

● **To Import Rice by Sending It as Unaccompanied Baggage**  
If you import rice by sending it as unaccompanied baggage, you may submit the report at the Plant Quarantine

Counter at the airport or seaport when you enter Japan or at Regional Agricultural Administration Offices or District Agricultural Offices nearest your home or at the Plant Protection Station where your baggage is subjected to plant quarantine inspection. After submitting the form, please perform customs procedures.

If you import rice as unaccompanied baggage, you may also have a customs broker submit the report on your behalf. When this report is submitted, materials that can be used to verify the address and name of the importer, such as a driver's license or passport, must be submitted, or copies of such materials must be attached to the report.