

STOP !!

Do not hand over

**seeds, seedlings, or prunings
to anyone or
take them outside of Japan**

New plant varieties are valuable intellectual property

**The following acts related to
protected varieties will be punished under
the Plant Variety Protection and Seed Act**

NEW!



Trying to take seeds or seedlings (seeds and seedlings of flowers and vegetables, prunings of fruit trees, beans, etc.) labeled as a "protected variety" or "export prohibited" outside of Japan.



Propagation of seeds or seedlings of a protected variety and hand over them to another person without the permission of the breeder's right holder.

Example of export prohibition labels

Nourin Yellow (registered variety)
Export Prohibited (refer to public notice
(MAFF website))

Penalties for intentional violation of
the Plant Variety Protection and Seed Act

Fine

Up to 10 million yen

(Up to 300 million yen
for corporations)

Imprisonment

**Up to
10 years**

Contact

Intellectual Property Division, Export and International Affairs Bureau,
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

☎ 03-6738-6443

MAFF's variety registration website at ►
<https://www.maff.go.jp/j/shokusan/hinshu/>

