

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.

Persons who bring any plant into Japan without first completing the above inspections may be punished according to the Plant Quarantine Act.

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.

Customs Inspection



Database for Importing Conditions (English)

