

This is an announcement from the Animal Quarantine Service and the Plant Protection Station of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

In Japan, it is prohibited to take meat products such as ham and sausage, or plants such as fruits, vegetables, and flowers purchased outside Japan off the ship. Hamburgers, sandwiches, oranges, apples, bananas, and other items served on board are also not allowed to be taken off the ship, so you are required to leave them on board and disembark.

Please be advised that if you take any of these items off the ship, it will require time for inspection and other procedures, and you may be subject to a custodial sentence of up to three years or a fine of up to 3 million yen.

Also, attempting to enter Japan with meat products that cannot be imported may result in being denied entry.

We ask for your understanding and cooperation in order to prevent the introduction into Japan of livestock infectious diseases and plant pests and diseases that are occurring all over the world.