

Notice to those who want to import rice for personal use

○When you plan to import rice for personal use and get exemption of custom duties, you have to obtain official approval at the office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, under the legal regulations, by notifying that the trade meets the general tax-exemption provisions for the import of goods for personal use and the rice imported in the past year weighs below 100 Kg.

(How to submit this report)

- ① Please fill in this report in triplicate with necessary information.
- ② Please submit the first and second copies, each for the Regional Agricultural Administration Office and for the Custom Office, to the Regional Agricultural Administration Office in your neighborhood. In addition, the Plant Protection Offices also accept them at airports and seaports.

When submitting, please show the documents enough to certify the address and name of the importer (such as a driver's license, a National Health Insurance Card or a Passport), or attach the copies of these documents.

- ③ As we will return the second sheet (a copy for the Custom Office) after confirming the documents, please submit it to an officer of the Customs Office, when making a declaration for the import of rice.
- ④ As for the importer copy (the third copy), please keep it carefully for your own record.

(Guidelines for this report)

- ① Those who don't have their address in Japan have to write down the nationality and the passport number instead.
- ② When filling in the columns of the address and name, please add hiragana characters or English letters.

※If you import rice without submitting this report or with a false report, you shall be sentenced to a fine of not more than 200,000 yen.

※Personal information obtained from this report shall be strictly managed and never be used for other purposes than confirming this report.

※If anything is unclear to you, please contact our Regional Agricultural Administration Offices. Those are Hokkaido Office (Hokkaido), Tohoku Office (Miyagi), Kanto Office (Saitama), Hokuriku Office (Ishikawa), Tokai Office (Aichi), Kinki Office (Kyoto), Chugoku-Shikoku Office (Okayama), Kyushu Office (Kumamoto), and Okinawa General Bureau, Cabinet Office.