

Subject: Information on Plant Quarantine System of Japan

Dear IPPC Contact Point

I appreciate your understanding and cooperation on the plant quarantine system of Japan.

Japan has often been requested from exporting countries to issue import permits for plants for export to Japan.

The NPPO of Japan does not, however, require exporters to obtain any import permits, except for exceptional permits for import-prohibited plants only for use in testing and research or for other special purposes, according to the Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Please note that any import of plants will not be rejected for the reason that they are not accompanied by import permits. Phytosanitary requirements for plants imported to Japan are stipulated in the Japanese Plant Protection Act and relevant regulations, which can be found at the following web pages.

- Japanese Plant Protection Act:

<http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/law/detail/?printID=&id=25&re=02&vm=02>

- Relevant regulations under the Act:

<http://www.pps.go.jp/english/index.html>

I would appreciate it if you could ensure this information is widely disseminated among exporters and other people concerned with plant quarantine.

Thank you for your understanding in advance.

Sincerely yours,

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