

Plant Quarantine Notice

Phytosanitary certificates must be submitted for all plants



When bringing plants* into Japan, it is required by law to submit phytosanitary certificates issued by the government of the exporting country and take import inspections in accordance with the Plant Protection Act.

* Fruits, vegetables, grains, cut flowers, seeds, seedlings, plant products, etc.

See the reverse side for more detailed information regarding import prohibitions and other requirements, such as phytosanitary certificate submission and import inspections.



If Phytosanitary certificates are not presented, the plants will be disposed (Plant Protection Act).

Legal penalties may apply to violation cases such as imports without phytosanitary certificates or without plant import inspection: you will be caught in jail for max. three years or charged with max. one million yens.

On alert for plant pests entry



Some plants subject to import prohibitions (example)

- Most fruits and fruit vegetables (ex. citrus fruits and mangoes) from countries and regions in which Mediterranean fruit flies and/or Oriental fruit flies are present.
- Apples, cherries, walnuts in shell, and others from countries and regions in which codling moths are present.

* Many plants cannot be imported from countries and regions in which destructive pests are present. For more information, contact the Plant Protection Station.



Mediterranean fruit fly



Oriental fruit fly



Codling moth

◆ Plants that do not require phytosanitary certificates (⚠ Inspections still required)

Dried or frozen plants that are not used for cultivation, feed, fertilizer, agriculture and forestry: ground chili pepper, Japanese pepper, daikon, zenmai (fern), ginseng, lotus seeds, star anise, unroasted coffee beans, and sunflower seeds (for consumption), etc.

- Some dried plants require phytosanitary certificates, such as grain (rice, millet, corn, buckwheat, wheat, and others), pulses (soybeans, adzuki beans, peanuts and others), wood, cacao beans, sesame, tamarind fruits, coriander, some parts of dried flowers, herbal medicines and spices. For more information, contact the Plant Protection Station.

◆ Products that do not require phytosanitary certificates and inspections

- Processed goods such as lumber
- Processed tea leaves
- Plants immersed in alcohol, acetic acid, sugar etc.

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