

Starting from
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You can bring more items without phytosanitary certificate than before!



Plants not requiring phytosanitary certificates issued by the government of the exporting country

(⚠ Inspections still required)

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Unroasted coffee beans



Dried ginseng



Dried daikon



Ground chili pepper

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.

However, followings are exempted. (* 1)

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

◆ Dried and processed (shredded, crushed, ground, compressed) plants

Example: ground chili pepper, dried daikon, rolled barley, crushed beans, cinnamon sticks, and Chinese licorice, etc.

◆ Dried plants

Example: ginseng, unroasted coffee beans, sunflower seeds (for consumption), zenmai (fern), star anise, etc. (* 2)

◆ Frozen plants (excluding walnuts in shell)

* 1 Plants, used for cultivation, feed, fertilizer, agriculture and forestry, require phytosanitary certificates.

* 2 Some dried plants require phytosanitary certificate, 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 details, visit Plant Protection Station's website.

Plant Protection Station website: "Revision to plant lists for certificate exemptions"

URL : <https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/introduction/import/ipcfuyou/index.html>



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. three million yen.

Some plants are import prohibited.

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