

Customs & Quarantine Links and Information

Following is a selection of information and contacts for inquiries regarding Quarantine and Customs information for Japan.

Customs Information in Japan- General information

http://www.customs.go.jp/index_e.htm

Food(Plant and Animal products), Plant and Animal from/into Japan

1. Fresh products

You should avoid bringing fresh fruit, vegetable or meat products to Japan. In general, fresh fruit, vegetable and meat products that have not been issued appropriate Phytosanitary documentation from Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service(AQIS) cannot be brought into Japan.

AQISwebsite

<http://www.affa.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=3E48F86-AA1A-11A1-B6300060B0AA00014>

2. Canned products

Canned meat, fruit or vegetable products are allowed.

AQISwebsite

<http://www.affa.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=3E48F86-AA1A-11A1-B6300060B0AA00014>

3. Dried products

Dried fruit or vegetable products are allowed, as long as they are commercially dried(not home-dried) and remain in their original, unopened packaging.

AQISwebsite

<http://www.affa.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=3E48F86-AA1A-11A1-B6300060B0AA00014>

4. Other processed foods items

Dairy products, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereals, dried noodles, etc., may be brought into Japan. Most type of nuts(with the exception of walnuts, which are prohibited) may be brought into Japan, particularly if they are salted, dried or roasted.

AQISwebsite

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5. Animals

(1) Taking a dog or cat to Japan?

New quarantine regulations for dogs and cats started November 6, 2004. For further information, please visit the Animal Quarantine Service website or contact their offices.

(2) Taking a hamster, squirrel or bird to Japan?

New regulations for quarantine inspections for hamsters, squirrels and birds started September 1, 2005. For more details, please visit the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare website.

(3) Other Animals

If you want to information on regulations and quarantine inspection to bring animals such as birds, monkeys, raccoons, foxes and skunks, please check the Japan Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Animal Quarantine Service website.

Animal QuarantineService website

<http://www.maff-aqs.go.jp/english/index.htm>

Animal QuarantineServiceOffice

<http://www.maff-aqs.go.jp/english/soshiki/aboutus.htm>

AQISwebsite

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6. Plant and Plant materials

The importation of any soil is strictly prohibited including soils attached to the roots of living plants.

Plant Protection Station website <http://www.pps.go.jp/english/index.html>

InformationforvisitorsfromAustralia

<http://www.pps.go.jp/english/trip/oversea/list/614.html>

AQISwebsite

<http://www.affa.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=3E48F86-AA1A-11A1-B6300060B0AA00014>