

## 1801: Outline of other relevant laws and ordinances referred to by Customs

Certain import goods are considered as having the potential to adversely affect our domestic economy, public health/sanitation, or public safety and morals, and therefore import restrictions are being imposed on those goods in accordance with the relevant Japanese law or ordinance.

Introduction of the restrictions pursuant to laws or ordinances are interrelated with the import license systems stipulated by the Customs Law, so as to secure the effectiveness of the restrictions.

Therefore, when it is necessary to obtain any license, authorization, etc. required by any other law or ordinance than customs-related laws for importing goods, you have to submit to Customs, at the time of import declaration or at the time of examination or the inspection necessary for import declaration, the evidence that you have obtained all of the required licenses, authorizations, etc. Without Customs confirmation of such evidence, import permit will not be given.

Some laws/ordinances require importers to submit certain certificates issued by a foreign authority in order to obtain necessary license/authorization for importation. Therefore, importers should make sure, in advance, of what documents are necessary for submission.

(Article 70 of the Customs Law, and item 1, section 3, paragraph 70 of the General Notification of the Customs Law)

### List of import-related laws and regulations

- “Other laws and ordinances” are defined as those other than customs-related laws/ordinances which specify the necessary licenses, authorizations, etc. concerning exportation or importation.

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Name of the laws	Major items subject to the laws	Supervising government agencies
Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act Import Trade Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Import quota items (herring)</li><li>• Para. 2 approved items (whale)</li><li>• Prior confirmed items (vaccine)</li><li>• Sanctioned items</li></ul>	Trade Control Policy Division, Trade Control Department, Trade and Economic Security Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Act on the Protection and Management of Wildlife, and the Optimization of Hunting	Bird species and their by-products, animals and their by-products, bird eggs (limited to wild animals)	Office of Wildlife Management, Wildlife Division, Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment
Act for Controlling the Possession of Firearms or Swords and Other Such Weapons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pistol, imitation pistol, rifle, machine gun, shotgun, airgun;</li><li>• Sword with over a 15cm blade length, spear, halberd, sword with over a 5.5cm blade length, dagger and switch knife, etc.,</li></ul>	Safety Division, Community Safety Bureau, National Police Agency

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Regulation of Revenue Stamps and Counterfeiting Act	Object that could be mistaken for Revenue Stamps	Consumption Tax Office, Taxation Management Division, National Tax Agency
Poisonous and Deleterious Substance Control Act	Poisonous and deleterious substances	Pharmaceutical Evaluation Division, Pharmaceutical Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Stimulants Control Act	Stimulant drugs, raw materials for producing stimulant drugs	Compliance and Narcotics Division, Pharmaceutical Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants	cannabis seed	
Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act	Narcotics, Cannabis plant articles thereof and psychotropic substances	
Opium Control Act	Opium, poppy straw	
Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Products Including Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices	Pharmaceutical, pharmaceutical-related items, cosmetics, medical equipment, designated substance;	Compliance and Narcotics Division, Pharmaceutical Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Animal Products Safety Division Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
	Pharmaceutical, pharmaceutical-related items, medical devices for animal treatment/diagnosis, in vitro diagnostic and Cellular and Tissue-based Products	
Act on the Protection of Marine Resources	<i>Koi</i> (Carp), goldfish and other <i>Carassius</i> , silver carp, big head carp, grass carp, black chinese roach, salmon eyed egg and fry, and <i>Penaeus</i> fry	Fish and Fishery Products Safety Office, Animal Health and Animal Products Safety Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Act on the Quality Control of Fertilizer	Fertilizer	Plant Products Safety Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Agricultural Chemicals Regulation Act	Agricultural chemicals	Plant Products Safety Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Act on Price Adjustment of Sugar and Starch	Sugar and Starch	Regional Agricultural Production Division, Crop Production Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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Act Concerning the Stabilization of Price of Livestock Products	Butter, non-fat powdered milk and condensed milk	Milk and Dairy Products Division, Livestock Industry Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Act on Stabilization of Supply, Demand and Prices of Staple Food	Rice grains (rice, rice flour, rice cake, etc.), wheat and barley (products processed/regulated wheat, barley, or rye)	Grain Quality Assurance Office, Grain Trade and Operation Division, Crop Production Policy Department, Crop Production Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Explosives Control Act	Explosives, explosive compounds, articles processed by heat (fuse, etc.)	Mine Safety and Explosives Control Division, Industrial and Product Safety Policy Group, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
High Pressure Gas Safety Act	High pressure gas	High Pressure Gas Safety Office, Industrial and Product Safety Policy Group, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Act on the Regulation of Manufacture and Evaluation of Chemical Substances	Chemical substance	Chemical Safety Office, Chemical Management Policy Division, Industrial and Product Safety Policy Group, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Oil Stockpiling Act	Volatile oil, kerosene, and light oil	Petroleum Refining and Reserve Division, Natural Resources and Fuel Department, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
Act on Control of Imitation, etc. of Postal Stamps, etc.	Objects that could be mistaken for postal stamps	Postal Policy Division, Postal Services Policy Planning Department, Information and Communications Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
Ethanol Business Act	Alcohol with alcoholic content of 90 percent and above	Alcohol Office, Material Industries Division Division, Manufacturing Industries Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Food Sanitation Law	All food and drink, food additives, tableware, containers/wrapping, and toys	Office of Import Food Safety Food Inspection and Safety Division, Public Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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Plant Protection Act	Flowering (phanerogamous) plant, pteridophyte, bryophyte, harmful plants (bacillus, parasite, etc.), harmful animals (various insects and mites, etc.) ,used agricultural machinery, etc	Plant Protection Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Rabies Prevention Act	Dogs, cats, raccoons, foxes, and skunks	Animal Health Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Act on the Prevention of Infectious Diseases in Livestock	Even-toed ungulate, horses, poultry (chickens, ducks), rabbits, bees and these meats, sausage, ham and rice straw	
Act on the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Medical Care for Patients with Infectious Diseases	Monkey, prairie dogs, etc.	Division of Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, Department of Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, Public Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Animal Health Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Act on the Prevention of Adverse Ecological Impacts Caused by Designated Invasive Alien Species	Black bass, Snapping Turtle, etc.	Wildlife Division, Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment
Industrial Safety and Health Act	Harmful substances (asbestos, etc.)	Chemical Hazards Control Division, Occupational Safety and Health Department, Labour Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Act on Ensuring the Proper Domestic Distribution and Importation of Specified Aquatic Animals and Plants	Mackerel, Pacific saury, Sardine, Squid and Cuttle fish and processed products which are made of/from any of these fish species	Fisheries Proper Distribution Promotion Office, Fisheries Processing Industries and Marketing Division