

2502 Export restrictions on those articles which infringe intellectual property rights

Articles which infringe patent rights, utility model rights, design rights, trademark rights, copyrights and neighboring rights or plant breeder's rights, or which constitute an act under Item 1 through 3, 10, 17 or 18, Paragraph 1, Article 2 of the Unfair Competition Prevention Law shall not be exported in accordance with Article 69-2 of the Customs Law.

However, articles properly licensed by their right holder for exportation are not regarded as articles infringing intellectual property, and thus may be exported.

(Article 69-2, the Customs Law)

For more detailed information on IPR border enforcement by Japan Customs, please refer to the website below.

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