

3102: Importation of Salt

Anyone intending to import salt for personal sale or use as provided for in the Salt Industry Law must do the following procedures:

* "Salt" as defined in the Salt Industry Law refers to solid substances containing 40% or more sodium chloride (excluding minerals specified by the Ministry of Finance, etc.).

1. Anyone intending to import salt for sale (including personal use) is required to file registration as a Specified Wholesaler of Salt with the Director-General of customs.
2. Anyone intending to sell salt for specific purposes is required to file notification as a Specified Wholesaler of Special-use Salt with the Director-General of customs.

In this case, a Special-use Salt means:

- (1) Salt categorized as quasi-drug or cosmetics as provided for in the Article 2 of the Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Products Including Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices;
- (2) Sodium chloride reagent;
- (3) Salt used as a culture medium for bacteria in study and research, etc., and salt solely used for academic research or education;
- (4) Salt used only as a catalyst in the copper plating process, etc.
- (5) Salt which comes in the form of a block, such as a cube or globe that contains metallic components like zinc, iron, etc.;
- (6) Salt with a sodium chloride content of 60% or less; and the sodium chloride cannot be easily separated from other components; and
- (7) Salt sold to designated buyers on a trial basis, with annual sales 100 tons or less.

Please refer following information for each application (Japanese only)

- Application for register the Specified Wholesaler of Salt
- Notification for Specified Wholesaler of Special-use Salt

Please contact a Customs Examiner in charge of general rules of the Customs Area Division of the nearest customs office for details.

- For inquiries concerning special dealers (import and sales), please contact a Customs Examiner in charge of general rules of the Customs Area Division of the nearest customs office.

Hakodate Customs	Hakodate Port Common Government Bldg. 24-4, Kaigan-cho, Hakodate-shi 040-8561 Tel: +81-138-40-4256
Tokyo Customs	Tokyo Port Common Government Bldg. 2-7-11, Aomi, Koto-ku, Tokyo 135-8615 Tel: +81-3-3599-6338
Yokohama Customs	Yokohama Shinko Common Government Bldg. 1-6-1, Shinko Naka-ku, Yokohama-shi 231-0001 Tel: +81-45-212-6110
Nagoya Customs	2-3-12, Irihune, Minato-ku, Nagoya-shi 455-8535 Tel: +81-52-654-4124
Osaka Customs	Osaka Port Common Government Bldg. 4-10-3, Chikko, Minato-ku, Osaka-shi 552-0021 Tel: +81-6-6576-3361
Kobe Customs	12-1, Shinko-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi 650-0041 Tel: +81-78-333-3155
Moji Customs	Moji Port Common Government Bldg. 1-3-10, Nishi-kaigan, Moji-ku, Kitakyushu-shi 801-8511 Tel: +81-50-3530-8401
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Okinawa Regional Customs	Naha 2nd Common Government Bldg. 2-1-1, Omoromachi, Naha-shi 900-0006 Tel: +81-98-862-9281

- For inquiries concerning manufacturers and wholesalers of salt, please contact the nearest finance bureau or the financial section of the Okinawa General Bureau. (Financial Section 3 of the Kanto Local Finance Bureau, Financial Section 2 of the Kinki Local Finance Bureau)

Hokkaido Local Finance Bureau	Sapporo 1st Common Government Bldg. 2, Kita-hachijo-nishi, Kita-ku, Sapporo-shi 060-8579 Tel: +81-11-709-2311 (Switchboard)
Tohoku Local Finance Bureau	Sendai Common Government Bldg. 3-3-1, Honcho, Aoba-ku, Sendai-shi 980-8436 Tel: +81-22-263-1111 (Switchboard)
Kanto Local Finance Bureau	1st Bldg., Saitama-Shintoshin Common Government Bldg. 1-1, Shintoshin, Chuo-ku, Saitama-shi 330-9716 Tel: +81-48-600-1121
Hokuriku Local Finance Bureau	Kanazawa Shin-kanda Common Government Bldg. 4-3-10, Shin-kanda, Kanazawa-shi 921-8508 Tel: +81-76-292-7852
Tokai Local Finance Bureau	3-3-1, Sannomaru, Naka-ku, Nagoya-shi 460-8521 Tel: +81-52-951-1784
Kinki Local Finance Bureau	4th Bldg., Osaka Common Government Bldg. 4-1-76, Otemae, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi 540-8550 Tel: +81-6-6949-6368
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- For general inquiries concerning the system, please contact the Tobacco and Salt Industries Office of the Ministry of Finance (3-1-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo. Tel: +81-3-3581-4111)