



Foods

Product requirements in Japan
under the EU-Japan EPA



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1. Overview

Below you can find several links to documentation in relation to EU food exports to Japan in the context of the EU-Japan EPA.

- [Factsheets](#) regarding the EU-Japan EPA (the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation) (English)
 - These factsheets summarise the essence of key topics such as TRQs, intellectual property rights, processed agricultural agricultural products, wine, spirits & beer products, meat products, dairy products, and geographical indications are available at the website above.
- Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI): [The Food and Beverage Market Entry Handbooks](#) provides access to various Handbooks such as “[The Food and Beverage Market Entry Handbook: Japan](#)” (25 February 2019), as well as other market information.
- [Manufactured Imports and Investment Promotion Organisation \(MIPRO\): Guide to Food Import 2019 \(Japanese\)](#)
- [MIPRO: Guide to Food Import 2015 \(English\)](#)
- Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW): [Food Safety Information](#) (English)

1.1 Tariffs

- For more detailed information on tariff rates please refer to [My Trade Assistant](#)

1.2 Import Procedures under the Food Sanitation Act

- This act is applicable to all food products. To be redirected to the Food Sanitation information that applies to your product you can click on the links below.
 - [Meat](#)
 - [Dairy products](#)
 - [Other animal products](#)
 - [Marine products](#)
 - [Fruits, vegetables and other plant products](#)
 - [Other foods including confectioneries](#)
 - [Liquor](#)
- MHLW: [Import Procedure under Food Sanitation Act](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Notification Form for Importation of Foods, etc.](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Import procedures](#) (Japanese)

- The [import notification form](#) for submission to the quarantine information office is available in Japanese.
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

1.3 Food Additive Regulation under the Food Sanitation Act

- This is applicable to all food products. To be redirected to the specifics for each product click on the category below.
 - [Meat](#)
 - [Dairy products](#)
 - [Other animal products](#)
 - [Marine products](#)
 - [Fruits, vegetables and other plant products](#)
 - [Other foods including confectioneries](#)
 - [Liquor](#)
- MHLW: [Food Additive Regulation](#) (English)
- [Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: Food Additives](#) (English)
- The Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [List of food additives approved by the MHLW](#) (English).
 - This website is recognized by MHLW and is cited on their webpage as a reference for understanding the food additives regulations.
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

1.4 Regulation of Agricultural Chemical Residues under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Introduction of the Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [The Japanese Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Enforcement on May 29, 2006) (English)
- MHLW: [Guidance on the Positive List of Agricultural Chemical Residues](#) (Japanese)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [Search engine for Maximum Residue Limits \(MRLs\)](#). List of Agricultural Chemicals in Foods (English version appears when you click on the “English” button at the top-right corner)

- MHLW: [Guidelines for the validation of analytical methods for testing agricultural chemical residues in food](#) (English)
- MHLW: Import Tolerance - [Q&A on the positive lists for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Japanese)
 - MHLW announcement of the Director of the Food Safety Division, Shoku-An No. 0205001 dated February 5, 2004, “Guideline for Application for Establishment and Revision of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals used outside Japan” which prescribes the procedures of making a request for the MRL applicable to, inter alia, agricultural chemicals that have newly come to be used outside of Japan. If you have any requests for the MRLs, such as the revision of the levels and addition of a certain chemical, and for which toxicity data is available, you can ask the Food Safety Committee for a risk evaluation. [The English translation of the announcement is available here.](#) However, the English translation at the above link is outdated. The [latest text](#) is available only in Japanese and disclosed on the [MHLW website](#).

1.5 Food Labeling

- Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA): [Food Labeling](#) (English)
- CAA: [Guidance on Food Labeling](#) (Japanese)
- CAA: [Brochure titled “Did you know? Countries of origin of ingredients will be listed for all processed foods!”](#) (English)
- CAA: [New Country of Origin Labelling System for Ingredients Q&A](#) (English)
- CAA: [Allergen labelling](#) (English)
- CAA: [Expiration date labelling](#) (Best-Before, Use-By) (English)
- CAA: [Outline of Food Labelling Systems for Health and Nutrition](#) (English)
- CAA: [Guidance on the requirement on labeling stating the origin of each ingredients of the foods](#) (Japanese)
- Food Labeling Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

1.6 Display of Featured Health Benefits of the Products

- MHLW: [Food with Health Claims, Food for Special Dietary Uses, and Nutrition Labeling](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Prohibition of Exaggerated and Misleading Claims](#) (under Health Promotion Law) (English)
- CAA: [The system of “Foods with Function Claims” has been launched!](#) (English)
- CAA: [Criteria for Labeling Permission for “Foods for Special Dietary Uses”](#) (FOSDU) (English)
- CAA: [Summary of the regulations regarding the advertisement of food with functional claims](#) (Japanese)
 - Overview of laws and regulations concerning the advertisement of food with functional claims (e.g., Prohibition of exaggeration of the function under the Health Promotion Act)
- CAA: [Guidelines on the notification of “food with functional claims”](#) (Japanese)
 - Detailed information on the food that can be recognized as “food with functional claims” and information and materials that are required on notification of “food with functional claims.”
- CAA: [Overview of the regulations related to the advertisement of health food products prescribed under the Act against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations and Health Promotion Act](#) (Japanese)
- MHLW: [Overview of the Health Promotion Act](#) (English)
- [Health Promotion Act](#) (Japanese)
- Act against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

1.7 Environmental Regulations which apply to Imported Goods in General

1.7.1 Labelling Requirements Prescribed under the Act on the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources

- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI): [Description of the Act on the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources](#) (Japanese)
 - Description of the requirement to put an identification mark on paper and plastic containers/packages which indicates that those containers/packages are made of paper or plastics that is recyclable.

- Act on the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

1.7.2 Requirement to Recycle Containers/Packages Made of Paper, Plastic, PET, or Glass

- METI: [Description of the Act on the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources](#). You can find further information [here](#) (Japanese)
 - Description of the requirement to recycle paper, plastic, PET, or glass containers/packages imposed on enterprises (which meet the thresholds for turnover or number of employees, and which import these containers/packages or use these containers/packages when they sell their products). These entities can also fulfill their obligations by paying commissions to the Japan Containers and Packaging Recycling Association, which is a public interest incorporated foundation.
- Act on the Promotion of Sorted Collection and Recycling of Containers and Packaging ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

2. Meat and Meat Preparations

2.1 Safeguards

- [EU-Japan EPA Factsheet—Meat Products](#) (English)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishers (MAFF): [Importation of Beef under the EU-Japan EPA](#) (Japanese)
 - Description of the safeguards available for Japan under the EU-Japan EPA .
- MAFF: [Importation of Pork Imports under the EU-Japan EPA](#) (Japanese)
 - Description of the safeguards available for Japan under the EU-Japan EPA until the 11th year since the EU-Japan EPA was enacted.

2.2 Import Scheme (Gate Price System for Importation of Pork)

- [EU-Japan EPA Factsheet—Meat Products](#) (English)
- [MAFF: Importation of Pork under the EU-Japan EPA](#) (Japanese)
 - Description of the change of the gate price system. Before the EU-Japan EPA was put into effect, a gate price system had been maintained, whereby a levy was collected up to the amount of the difference between the standard price (i.e., 546.53yen/kg) and the actual

imported price per kilogram tariff, as well as ad valorem duty (i.e., 4.3%) against the margin between the actual imported price per kilogram and the gate price (i.e.524 yen/kg), if it was higher than the gate price. After the EU-Japan EPA was put into effect, the system was reformed to a mixture of specific duty and ad valorem duty, and the specific duty will decrease to 50 yen/kg, and the ad valorem duty will be lifted in 10 years, after the entry into force of the EU-Japan EPA.

2.3 Domestic Regulations

2.3.1 General

- MAFF ([Animal Quarantine Service](#)) (English)
- MAFF (Animal Quarantine Service): [Laws and Regulations](#) (English)
- MAFF: [Regarding the Standard Procedure for Approval for Import of Designated Items to Be Quarantined](#) (English)
- MIPRO: [Guide to Food Import 2015](#) (English). The explanation on Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control can be found on pp.16-17.
- MAFF: [Overview of the import procedures for livestock products under the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control](#) (Japanese)
- MHLW: [Imported Foods Inspection Services Home Page](#) (English)
 - Overview of the Import Procedures under the Food Sanitation Law
- JETRO: [Trade and Investment Q&A](#) - How to import meat and meat preparations into Japan (Japanese)

2.3.2 Import Procedures under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Import Procedure under Food Sanitation Act](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Notification Form for Importation of Foods, etc.](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Importation procedures](#) (Japanese)
 - The [import notification form](#) for submission to the quarantine information office is available only in Japanese.
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
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2.3.3 Food Additive Regulation under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Food Additive Regulation](#) (English)
- [Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: Food Additives](#) (English)
- The Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [List of food additives approved by the MHLW](#) (English)
 - This website is recognized by MHLW and is cited on their webpage as a reference for understanding the food additives regulations.
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

2.3.4 Animal/ Livestock Products Quarantine Procedures

- MAFF: [Bringing animal products into Japan from overseas](#) (English)
 - Information on this webpage is limited. Detailed information is on the Japanese webpages below.
- MAFF: [Livestock Products Quarantine Procedures](#) (Japanese)
- MAFF: [Domestic Animals Quarantine Procedures](#) (Japanese)
- Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

2.3.5 Regulation of Agricultural Chemical Residues under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Introduction of the Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [The Japanese Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Enforcement on May 29, 2006) (English)
- MHLW: [Guidance on the Positive List of Agricultural Chemical Residues](#) (Japanese)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [Search engine for Maximum Residue Limits \(MRLs\)](#). List of Agricultural Chemicals in Foods (English version appears when you click on the “English” button at the

top-right corner)

- MHLW: [Guidelines for the validation of analytical methods for testing agricultural chemical residues in food](#) (English)
- MHLW: Import Tolerance - [Q&A on the positive lists for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Japanese)
 - MHLW announcement of the Director of the Food Safety Division, Shoku-An No. 0205001 dated February 5, 2004, “Guideline for Application for Establishment and Revision of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals used outside Japan” which prescribes the procedures of making a request for the MRL applicable to, inter alia, agricultural chemicals that have newly come to be used outside of Japan. If you have any requests for the MRLs, such as the revision of the levels and addition of a certain chemical, and for which toxicity data is available, you can ask the Food Safety Committee for a risk evaluation. [The English translation of the announcement is available here.](#) However, the English translation at the above link is outdated. The [latest text](#) is available only in Japanese and disclose on the [MHLW website](#).

3. Dairy Products

3.1 Domestic procedures

3.1.1 General

- Tokyo Quarantine Food Inspection Division: [Overview of the procedures for importation of food, etc.](#) (Japanese)
- JETRO: [Trade and Investment Q&A - How to import dairy products into Japan](#) (Japanese)
- Ministerial Ordinance Concerning Compositional Standards, etc., for Milk and Milk Products ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link might be outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese. This Ministerial Ordinance provides definition, specifications and conditions that dairy products need to meet from the perspective of food safety.

3.1.2 Import Procedures under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Import Procedure under Food Sanitation Act](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Notification Form for Importation of Foods, etc.](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Importation procedures](#) (Japanese)

- The [import notification form](#) for submission to the quarantine information office is only available in Japanese.
- MHLW: [Food Safety Information](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Food Safety](#) (English)
 - Links to laws and regulations are provided under the Acts and Regulations section
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.
- MHLW: [Amendment of the Food Sanitation Act](#) (English)

3.1.3 Food Additive Regulation under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Food Additive Regulation](#) (English)
- [Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: Food Additives](#) (English)
- The Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [List of food additives approved by the MHLW](#) (English)
 - This website is recognized by MHLW and is cited on their webpage as a reference for understanding the food additives regulations.
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

3.1.4 Animal Quarantine Procedures

- MAFF: [Animal Quarantine Inspection for Dairy Products](#) (English)
 - A list of the dairy products subject to the animal quarantine and the inspection certificate forms issued by competent authorities are available here.
- Animal Quarantine Service of MAFF: [Livestock Products Quarantine Procedures](#) (Japanese)
- Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

3.1.5 Regulation of Agricultural Chemical Residues under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)

- MHLW: [Introduction of the Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [The Japanese Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Enforcement on May 29, 2006) (English)

- MHLW: [Guidance on the Positive List of Agricultural Chemical Residues](#) (Japanese)

- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [Search engine for Maximum Residue Limits \(MRLs\)](#). List of Agricultural Chemicals in Foods (English version appears when you click on the “English” button at the top-right corner)

- MHLW: [Guidelines for the validation of analytical methods for testing agricultural chemical residues in food](#) (English)

- MHLW: Import Tolerance - [Q&A on the positive lists for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Japanese)
 - MHLW announcement of the Director of the Food Safety Division, Shoku-An No. 0205001 dated February 5, 2004, “Guideline for Application for Establishment and Revision of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals used outside Japan” which prescribes the procedures of making a request for the MRL applicable to, inter alia, agricultural chemicals that have newly come to be used outside of Japan. If you have any requests for the MRLs, such as the revision of the levels and addition of a certain chemical, and for which toxicity data is available, you can ask the Food Safety Committee for a risk evaluation. [The English translation of the announcement is available here](#). However, the English translation at the above link is outdated. The [latest text](#) is available only in Japanese and disclosed on the [MHLW website](#).

4. Other Animal Products (e.g., honey)

4.1 Domestic Regulation

4.1.1 Import Procedures under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Import Procedure under Food Sanitation Act](#) (English)

- MHLW: [Notification Form for Importation of Foods, etc.](#) (English)

- MHLW: [Import procedures](#) (Japanese)
 - The [import notification form](#) for submission to the quarantine information office is available in Japanese

- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

4.1.2 Food Additive Regulation under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Food Additive Regulation](#) (English)
- [Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: Food Additives](#) (English)
- The Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [List of food additives approved by the MHLW](#) (English)
 - This website is recognized by MHLW and is cited on their webpage as a reference for understanding the food additives regulations.
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

4.1.3 Regulation of Agricultural Chemical Residues under the Food Sanitation Act

- M MHLW: [Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Introduction of the Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [The Japanese Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Enforcement on May 29, 2006) (English)
- MHLW: [Guidance on the Positive List of Agricultural Chemical Residues](#) (Japanese)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [Search engine for Maximum Residue Limits \(MRLs\)](#). List of Agricultural Chemicals in Foods (English version appears when you click on the “English” button at the top-right corner)
- MHLW: [Guidelines for the validation of analytical methods for testing agricultural chemical residues in food](#) (English)
- MHLW: Import Tolerance - [Q&A on the positive lists for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Japanese)

- MHLW announcement of the Director of the Food Safety Division, Shoku-An No. 0205001 dated February 5, 2004, “Guideline for Application for Establishment and Revision of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals used outside Japan” which prescribes the procedures of making a request for the MRL applicable to, inter alia, agricultural chemicals that have newly come to be used outside of Japan. If you have any requests for the MRLs, such as the revision of the levels and addition of a certain chemical, and for which toxicity data is available, you can ask the Food Safety Committee for a risk evaluation. [The English translation of the announcement is available here](#). However, the English translation at the above link is outdated. The [latest text](#) is available only in Japanese and disclosed on the [MHLW website](#).
- *With respect to **honey**, depending on the degree of processing, larvae or carcasses of bees may be contained in the **honey**. If so, then, the imported **honey** is subject to animal quarantine procedures.*

5. Marine Products

5.1 Domestic Regulations

5.1.1 Import Procedures under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Import Procedure under Food Sanitation Act](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Notification Form for Importation of Foods, etc.](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Importation procedures](#) (Japanese)
 - The [import notification form](#) for submission to the quarantine information office is available only in Japanese.
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

5.1.2 Food Additive Regulation under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Food Additive Regulation](#) (English)
- [Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: Food Additives](#) (English)
- The Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [List of food additives approved by the MHLW](#) (English)
 - This website is recognized by MHLW and is cited on their webpage as a reference for understanding the food additives regulations.

- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

5.1.3 Tuna

- METI: [Import Control of Tunas](#) (Japanese)
 - Import of frozen tunas by air or ship and import of fresh tunas by ship are subject to the approval of the Director-General of the Fisheries Agency. Import of fresh or chilled tunas is subject to the confirmation of Japan Customs when the import declaration is made.
- METI: [Confirmation of importation of frozen tunas](#) (English and Japanese)

5.1.4 Imports of Goods Related to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

- METI: [About CITES](#) (English)
- METI: [Imports of goods related to the CITES](#) (English)
 - People who intend to import any listed species of animals or plants under the CITES are required to receive a certificate of export permission issued by the government of the exporting country and for certain listed species, required to receive a certificate of import approval or a certificate of prior-confirmation by the METI Minister.
- [Appendices I, II and III of CITES](#)

5.1.5 Regulation of Agricultural Chemical Residues under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Introduction of the Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [The Japanese Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Enforcement on May 29, 2006) (English)
- MHLW: [Guidance on the Positive List of Agricultural Chemical Residues](#) (Japanese)

- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [Search engine for Maximum Residue Limits \(MRLs\)](#). List of Agricultural Chemicals in Foods (English version appears when you click on the “English” button at the top-right corner)
- MHLW: [Guidelines for the validation of analytical methods for testing agricultural chemical residues in food](#) (English)
- MHLW: Import Tolerance - [Q&A on the positive lists for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Japanese)
 - MHLW announcement of the Director of the Food Safety Division, Shoku-An No. 0205001 dated February 5, 2004, “Guideline for Application for Establishment and Revision of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals used outside Japan” which prescribes the procedures of making a request for the MRL applicable to, inter alia, agricultural chemicals that have newly come to be used outside of Japan. If you have any requests for the MRLs, such as the revision of the levels and addition of a certain chemical, and for which toxicity data is available, you can ask the Food Safety Committee for a risk evaluation. [The English translation of the announcement is available here](#). However, the English translation at the above link is outdated. The [latest text](#) is available only in Japanese and disclosed on the [MHLW website](#).

6. Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Plant Products

6.1 Domestic Regulations

6.1.1 General

- MAFF: [Database containing the conditions and requirements for importation of fruits and vegetables into Japan](#)
- Tokyo Quarantine Food Inspection Division: [Overview of the procedures for importation of food, etc.](#) (Japanese)
- JETRO: [Trade and Investment Q&A - How to import fruits into Japan](#) (Japanese)
- JETRO: [Trade and Investment Q&A - How to import vegetables into Japan](#) (Japanese)

6.1.2 Import Procedures under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Import Procedure under Food Sanitation Act](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Notification Form for Importation of Foods, etc.](#) (English)

- MHLW: [Importation procedures](#) (Japanese)
 - The [import notification form](#) for submission to the quarantine information office is available only in Japanese.
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
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6.1.3 Food Additive Regulation under the Food Sanitation Act

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- [Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: Food Additives](#) (English)
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6.1.4 Plant Quarantine Procedures

- MAFF: [Database of import conditions, including plant quarantine procedures](#) (English)
 - A database in which users can obtain information on the necessity of ordinary inspections, field inspections, and specific phytosanitary measures, as well as post-entry quarantine in Japan, by entering the country of origin and/or the name of the plant concerned.

Exemption from the plant quarantine procedures

- MAFF: [Rules for plant quarantine procedures](#) (Japanese)
 - It is prescribed that dried fruit products made of pineapples, mangos, grapes, peaches, and some other fruits are not required to undergo the plant quarantine procedures.

6.1.5 Regulation of Agricultural Chemical Residues under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Introduction of the Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [The Japanese Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Enforcement on May 29, 2006) (English)
- MHLW: [Guidance on the Positive List of Agricultural Chemical Residues](#) (Japanese)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [Search engine for Maximum Residue Limits \(MRLs\)](#). List of Agricultural Chemicals in Foods (English version appears when you click on the “English” button at the top-right corner)
- MHLW: [Guidelines for the validation of analytical methods for testing agricultural chemical residues in food](#) (English)
- MHLW: Import Tolerance - [Q&A on the positive lists for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Japanese)
 - MHLW announcement of the Director of the Food Safety Division, Shoku-An No. 0205001 dated February 5, 2004, “Guideline for Application for Establishment and Revision of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals used outside Japan” which prescribes the procedures of making a request for the MRL applicable to, inter alia, agricultural chemicals that have newly come to be used outside of Japan. If you have any requests for the MRLs, such as the revision of the levels and addition of a certain chemical, and for which toxicity data is available, you can ask the Food Safety Committee for a risk evaluation. [The English translation of the announcement is available here](#). However, the English translation at the above link is outdated. The [latest text](#) is available only in Japanese and disclosed on the [MHLW website](#).

7. Other Foods including Confectioneries (e.g., chocolate)

7.1 Domestic Regulations

7.1.1 Import Procedures under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Import Procedure under Food Sanitation Act](#) (English)

- MHLW: [Notification Form for Importation of Foods, etc.](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Import procedures](#) (Japanese)
 - The [import notification form](#) for submission to the quarantine information office is available in Japanese
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The latest text is available only in Japanese.

7.1.2 Food Additive Regulation under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Food Additive Regulation](#) (English)
- [Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: Food Additives](#) (English)
- The Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [List of food additives approved by the MHLW](#) (English)
 - This website is recognized by MHLW and is cited on their webpage as a reference for understanding the food additives regulations.
- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
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7.1.3 Regulation of Agricultural Chemical Residues under the Food Sanitation Act

- MHLW: [Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- MHLW: [Introduction of the Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (English)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [The Japanese Positive List System for Agricultural Chemical Residues in Foods](#) (Enforcement on May 29, 2006) (English)
- MHLW: [Guidance on the Positive List of Agricultural Chemical Residues](#) (Japanese)
- Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation: [Search engine for Maximum Residue Limits \(MRLs\)](#). List of Agricultural Chemicals in Foods (English version appears when you click on the “English” button at the top-right corner)
- MHLW: [Guidelines for the validation of analytical methods for testing agricultural chemical residues in](#)

[food](#) (English)

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8. Liquor

- [EU-Japan EPA Factsheet—Wine Products](#)
- [EU-Japan EPA Factsheet—Spirits & Beer Products](#)

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- Food Sanitation Act ([English](#) and [Japanese](#))
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- National Tax Agency (NTA): [The definitions of additives that are allowed to be contained in liquor](#) (i.e. alcoholic beverages and sweet sake (mirin)) and [definition of terms](#) (Japanese)
- Liquors are divided into four categories, and then further divided into 18 subcategories, depending on the producing method and ingredients under the Liquor Tax Act. [NTA: Q&A regarding Liquor: Categorization of Liquor](#) (Japanese)
- The ingredients of a particular category of liquor are specified under the Liquor Tax Act and relevant ministerial ordinances and notices.
- Certain substances are not recognized as “ingredients” in deciding the category of liquor, and such substances are designated in the notices issued by NTA.

8.1.3 License to Sell Liquors

- NTA: [Application for the license to sell liquors](#) (Japanese)
- NTA: [Q&A regarding Liquor: Marketing License:](#)(Japanese)
- [Liquor Tax Act](#) (Japanese)
 - Article 9 of the Liquor Tax Act requires shops to obtain a license from the head of the tax office of the region where the shop is located in order to sell liquors.

8.1.4 Display Requirements for Liquor Bottles

- Japan Customs: [Notification of the liquor label](#) (Japanese)
- [Act on Securing of Liquor Tax and on Liquor Business Associations](#) (Japanese)
 - It is required that the importer of liquors, before it takes the liquors out of the customs area, put a label on the bottle stating certain information, namely: (i) the name of the importer, (ii) the address of the importer, (iii) the address of the shop, and (iv) the content, and category of

the liquor under the Liquor Tax Act, and relevant information required according to such category. The importer is obliged to notify the head of the Tax Office which has jurisdiction over the customs area from which the importer is going to take the liquor out, of the label which will be displayed.