

# Caution for importing prohibited items regarding plant quarantine into Japan for use in experiment and research or other special purposes



## Import of the following items into Japan is banned under the Plant Protection Act.

- Some kind of plants
- Plant quarantine pests (insect, disease pathogen, parasitic plant, etc.)
- Soil or plants with soil



However, MAFF may permit importation of these prohibited items for use in experiment and research or other special purposes.

Plant Protection Act  
(English)

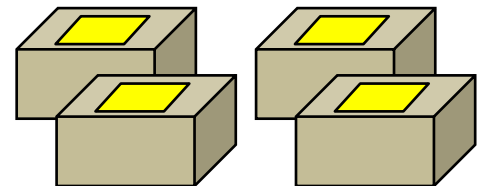
**In this case, these items must be packed and transported by the following methods.**

## Packing method

1. These items should be packed in a secure manner that prevents leakage.
2. Import Certificate must be printed in color and pasted on each package respectively.



Sample of Import Certificate



Print in color and paste on each package

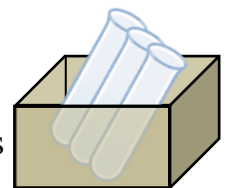
3. Check the permitted conditions (e.g. item, quantity, number of the packages, period, etc.) before shipping.

e.g. Permitted quantity :  
**2 samples in 1 carton**



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Excess



4. Don't put anything in the packages except permitted items.



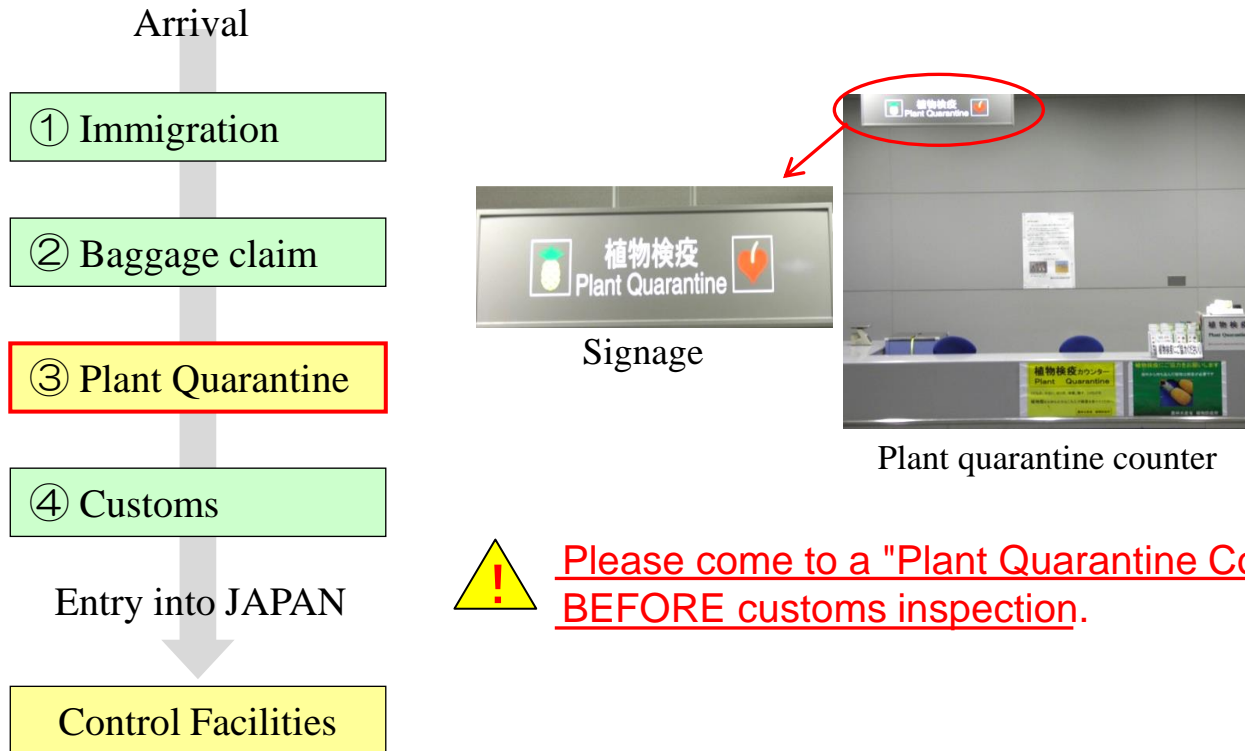
**Prohibited items without Import Certificate are not allowed to enter Japan.**

# Shipping method

- Baggage** : Items brought into Japan as checked or carry-on baggage of passengers.
- International Courier** : Items shipped by international services.
- Postal mail (International parcel post or EMS)** : International mail handled by the national postal services of respective countries under the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

## Baggage

- Upon arrival at the airport, go to the plant quarantine counter for an import inspection before proceeding on to customs. Procedures upon arrival are as follows.



- Keep the prohibited items closed and take them to Control Facilities immediately.

## International Courier

- Address “care of (c/o)” ○○ sub-station, Yokohama Plant Protection Station.
- Add “PLANT QUARANTINE MATERIAL” in the column (“Shipment Information”, “Contents”, “Description of Goods” etc.) of the Air Waybill & Invoice.

[e.g.]

Shipment Information				
Total Packages	Total Weight	DIM		
1	kg	L	W	H cm
Commodity Description	Harmonized Code	Country of manufacturer	Value for Customs	
Zucchini green mottle mosaic virus (PV-100)		USA	\$266.90	
(PLANT QUARANTINE MATERIAL)				
Total Declared Value for Carriage			Total Value for Customs	
			\$266.90	



Certain courier companies refuse to ship plants that require import inspections. Please confirm information in advance.

## Postal Mail (International parcel post or EMS)

• Mail shipping contains two ways, International Parcel Post or Express Mail Service (EMS). In both cases, address “**care of (c/o) the Plant Protection Station and Japan Post Office address**”, as following.

• Add “**PLANT QUARANTINE MATERIAL**” in the column (“Detailed description of contents” etc.) of the Customs Declaration & Invoice.

### 【For International Parcel Post】

**To:** ○○ (Name of the person who obtained the permit)

**Address :** c/o Yokohama Plant Protection Station,  
Japan Post Office  
88, Higashiougishima, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki,  
Kanagawa 219-8799 Japan.

Detailed description of contents :  
PLANT QUARANTINE MATERIAL

GLOBAL AIRMAIL Parcel Post  
United States Postal Service  
CP 079 791 285 US

From: JANE DOE, 10 MAIN ST, ANYWHERE, PA 19709-1310, USA  
To: JANE DOE, 10 MAIN ST, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Detailed description of contents:

Qty	Weight (kg)	Value (US \$)	HS Tariff Number	Country of Origin
1	1.00	1.00		

Contents:  Mail,  Commercial Sample,  Return to Sender,  Other

PLANT QUARANTINE MATERIAL

### 【For EMS】

**To:** ○○ (Name of the person who obtained the permit)

**Address :** c/o Yokohama Plant Protection Station  
Japan Post Office  
3-5-14, Shinsuna, Koto-ku, Tokyo 138-8799 Japan.

Detailed description of contents :  
PLANT QUARANTINE MATERIAL

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United States Postal Service  
EMS  
EC 896 735 907 US

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### Attention to the mailing address

Please don't write the mailing address other than the Plant Protection Station on the shipping label.

- If shipping method of permitted items be changed from the original plan for some reason, you should be in contact with the coordinator immediately.

