

Commodities Not Listed - or When there is Doubt Which Certification Requirements Apply

For most commodities not covered by another article on the previous page, Japan is believed to require certifications that can only be endorsed by FSIS for livestock- (other than fish) origin tissues.

Exporters should always have their Japanese importers confirm prior to shipment that the consignment will be allowed entry with only the documentation that will accompany the consignment. If a Japanese importer is not sure which of the requirements on the previous page apply for a consignment (or if the consignment does fall under one of the requirements on the previous page), the Japanese importer should contact the pertinent Animal Quarantine Station (AQS) over the port of entry into Japan. A list of contact information for these AQS offices is available below. The U.S. exporter should not contact these offices directly. If Japanese importers send an email directly to these offices describing the consignment and its intended use in Japan and asking what specific certification (if any) is required, Japanese animal health authorities have verified that an email response will be sent back. The Japanese importer can then provide that email, and an English translation to the U.S. exporter.

Once the above referenced email response from the pertinent AQS office to the Japanese is available, the U.S. exporter should send the following information to the [APHIS-VS Area Office](#) in the State from which the animals or products will be exported:

- Email from the Japanese importer to the AQS office (sometimes the AQS response references the incoming email and that email is necessary to understand the response)
- **Japanese email from the AQS office to the Japanese importer**
- English translation of the above two items (if not already in English)
- A detailed description of the materials to be exported (unless obvious from the certificate)
- Contact information for the exporter
- Contact information for the importer

The APHIS-VS Area Office may then ask for additional details.

Exporters should not assume that APHIS will be able to endorse the certification that the email from the AQS office indicates is required. Therefore, they should not ship until after they have the confirmed endorsement of the required certificate.

Japan Animal Quarantine Stations: Contact Information

Please see next page.

List of Animal Quarantine Stations with jurisdiction over airports (seaports)(as of October 2010)

Animal Quarantine Stations with jurisdiction over the main airports (seaports) are as follows.

Name	Airport (Seaport)	Telephone number	Fax number	E-mail address
Yokohama Head Office (Animal Quarantine Division)	Keihin Seaport	+81(0)45-751-5921	+81(0)45-751-5951	y-dobutu@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Hokkaido Sub-branch	Tomakomai Seaport, Shin Chitose Airport	+81(0)123-24-6080	+81(0)123-24-6091	chitose@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Narita Branch Quarantine 1 st Division	Narita International Airport	+81(0)476-32-6664	+81(0)476-30-3011	na-k1@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Narita Branch Quarantine 2 nd Division	Narita International Airport	+81(0)476-34-2342	+81(0)476-34-2338	na-k2@aq.s.maff.go.jp
(Cargo inspection)	Narita International Airport	+81(0)476-32-6655	+81(0)476-30-3012	n-kamotu@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Haneda Airport Branch	Tokyo International Airport	+81(0)3-5757-9752	+81(0)3-5757-9758	haneda@aq.s.maff.go.jp
(Cargo inspection)	Tokyo International Airport	+81(0)3-5757-9755	+81(0)3-5757-9760	h-kamotu@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Chubu Airport branch	Chubu International Airport	+81(0)569-38-8577	+81(0)569-38-8585	meiku@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Nagoya Sub-branch	Nagoya Seaport	+81(0)52-651-0334	+81(0)52-661-0203	ng-ken@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Kansai Airport Branch Quarantine Division	Kansai International Airport	+81(0)72-455-1956	+81(0)72-455-1957	ka-ken@aq.s.maff.go.jp
(Cargo inspection)	Kansai International Airport	+81(0)72-455-1958	+81(0)72-455-1959	k-kamotu@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Kobe Branch	Kobe Seaport	+81(0)78-222-8990	+81(0)78-222-8994	ko-ken@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Osaka Sub-branch	Osaka Seaport	+81(0)6-6575-3466	+81(0)6-6575-0977	osaka@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Moji Branch	Kanmon Seaport, Kitakyusyu Airport	+81(0)93-321-1116	+81(0)93-332-5858	mo-ken@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Hakata Sub-branch	Hakata Seaport	+81(0)92-262-5285	+81(0)92-562-5283	hakata@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Fukuoka Airport Sub-branch	Fukuoka Airport	+81(0)92-477-0080	+81(0)92-477-7580	fukuoka@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Kagoshima Airport Sub-branch	Kagoshima Airport	+81(0)955-43-9061	+81(0)955-43-9066	kagosima@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Okinawa Branch	Naha Seaport	+81(0)98-861-4370	+81(0)98-862-0093	oki-ken@aq.s.maff.go.jp
Naha Airport Sub-branch	Naha Airport	+81(0)98-857-4468	+81(0)98-859-1646	naha@aq.s.maff.go.jp