

Country: JAPAN / JP

Prohibited commodities

Standard IFCO prohibitions plus: All items violating Japanese trademark rights (infringement of right of patent, design, trademark and copyright) will be seized by customs. Items will not be returned to Origin.

Antiques
Furs
Ivory
Jewellery
Military equipment
Passports
Perishables
Precious metals & stones
Soil samples

Document Express

General correspondence (business or private), plus:

Advertising brochures/pamphlets		Airline tickets, blank stock (NI)	[1]
Airline tickets, issued/validated	[1]	Annual reports	
Blueprints		Booklets, brochures (non-adv.)	
Business cards		Cash letters (NI)	
Catalogues		Charts/graphs	
Cheques, cashier (NI)		Compact disc	[2]
Computer printouts		Computer software	[2]
Deeds		Diplomatic mail	[3]
Diskettes	[2]	Documents, general business	
Drawings, technical/architect/eng.	[4]	Invoices, not blank	
Magazines, periodicals, journals		Manuals, technical	
Manuscripts		Maps	
Music, printed or manuscript		Newspapers	
Pamphlets		Paper patterns for wearing apparel	
Personal mail		Photos as part of business reports	
Plans/drawings-architectural		Price lists	
/industrial/engineering			
Ship manifest-computer generated		Shipping schedules	
Tapes: computer	[2]	Visa applications	

1. Shipments for destination code Osaka must be sent via WPX.

2. If the nominal value of floppy diskette, computer tape, CD ROM in which the contents are software and shipment value is less than US\$90 (JPY10,000), they may be sent as DOX, otherwise send as WPX where Japan customs will impose 5% consumption tax on CIF basis even if the import duty is not levied. If the value of software and its carriers (i.e. floppy diskette, computer tape, CD ROM) can be separated, the Japanese customs does not assess the value of software; Otherwise ship via WPX

3. Diplomatic seal must be attached for identification. Otherwise customs may open for inspection.

4. Shipments for sales purpose or with commercial value must be sent as WPX.

Worldwide Package Express

For destination Osaka, clearly describe in pre-alert the commodity names of those that require

quarantine, otherwise expect lengthy delays for the whole shipment. For imports under plant/animal quarantine, food sanitation law and medical law, consignee must pay license handling fee: JPY7,000(USD64) per shipment. The following are the WPX restrictions:

Alcoholic beverages	[1]	Animal products	[2]
Animal skins	[2]	Chemicals, non-hazardous	[3]
Coal & firewood	[4]	Coffee	[5]
Coffee samples	[5]	Cologne and perfume	[6]
Cosmetics	[6]	Cotton seed	[6]
Drugs: non-prescription	[4]	Drugs: prescription	[6]
Eye glasses and contacts	[6]	Fabrics & fabric samples	[7]
Films: 8mm, 16mm & 35mm	[8]	Films: entertainment	[8]
Films: promotional, training	[8]	Fire extinguishers	[9]
Foodstuffs	[10]	Glass products	[11]
Grain samples	[10]	Isopropanol	[12]
Laser disc	[8]	Leather goods	[2]
Liquids, non-hazardous	[11]	Medical samples	[13]
Medical/dental supplies & equipment	[14]	Negatives, including x-rays, films	[8]
Personal effects	[15]	Plants	[16]
Seeds	[16]	Ship spares	[17]
Shoes	[18]	Subs. containing sodium/calc. cyclamate	[10]
Tapes: video cassettes	[8]	Tea	[10]
Textile articles	[7]	Tobacco	[19]
Toys	[20]		

1. *Maximum weight. 10kgs(22lbs):food license not required if consignee is private person importing for personal use ,or company importing samples (subject to customs discretion). Otherwise food license required if company import for sale at any weight or personal above maximum weight delay: 2-3day*
2. *Commercial Invoice must indicate type of skin. For shipments of unprocessed skin, Certificate of export under CITES required. Meat products: unacceptable except beef jerky authorized by origin government.*
3. *Component analysis table must be attached to Commercial invoice.*
4. *Import license required by consignee.*
5. *Maximum weight: 10kgs (22 lbs). Original Phyto Certificate by consignor required. Invoice must state "Roasted" or "Un-Roasted". Un-Roasted coffee requires plant quarantine.*
6. *Import license required by consignee.*
7. *If silk fabrics and yarn, import license by consignee and Certificate of Origin by shipper required. Limit imposed according to government quota. Weave (woven or knitted) and materials should be described on invoices.*
8. *Consignor must provide declaration on contents of films and tapes. Delay, 2-3 days*
9. *Import License required. Shipments must fulfill IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and must have shipper's declaration for dangerous goods. Must be sent under separate AWB.*
10. *Non-perishables only. No refrigerant facility. Food license required from consignee if weight above: 10kgs (22lbs).*
11. *Must be well-packed to avoid damage. Wooden case and crate are preferable.*
12. *Shipment must fulfill IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and must have shipper's declaration for dangerous goods. Must be sent under separate AWB.*
13. *Human organs, blood: Prohibited.*
14. *Import license required by cnee.*
15. *AWB, Invoice & pre-alert must state "Personal Effects" or "Unaccompanied Baggage". Full consignee's name & phone number required. Unaccompanied baggage: Customs declaration*

form with customs stamp & copy of consignee's passport required Delay: 1-3 days.

16. *Original Phyto Certificate by consignor required.*

17. *Ship spares for ship in transit: Consignee to provide Japanese Customs Form C No. 2130 (Declaration of Loading of Ship's (Aircrafts) Stores of Foreign Goods) is required, expect delays: 1-2 days.*

18. *Upper and lower sole materials must be described on invoices. Samples must be marked and mutilated for duty & tax exemption and "Marked and Mutilated" must be stated on invoices.*

19. *For individual use only. For commercial purposes: Prohibited.*

20. *Toy guns: Prohibited. Food inspection required for infant toys, delays: 2-3 days.*

Service Impact Notes

1. Shipments for private individuals must have full name, daytime & night time phone number otherwise expect delays.
2. All shipments for US Military Bases must have contact person's class & full name, phone & extension number, base name & building no., on AWB, otherwise expect delays.

Operation Notes

Not Available