

Important: Caution as to bringing animal products into Japan from overseas

This is a guidance for bringing meat or animal products into Japan.

※ [See the guidance on "Taking animal products out" if you take animal products out from Japan.](#)

ATTENTION:

If you bring meat or animal products illegally, you can also be arrested.

Violators would be punishable with imprisonment or fine.

Please note before you come to Japan:

On 22nd April 2019, Japanese government has strengthened penalties for bringing meat or animal products from overseas illegally.

1. Animal Quarantine Service in Japan (AQS) takes strict action against bringing meat or animal products illegally regardless of the consent to abandon.
2. If you failed to declare meat or animal products and found them in your luggage, you would be punishable.
3. It will take time for import inspections due to record your passport and boarding pass.
4. AQS notifies police of unethical cases.

On 1st July 2020, due to the amendment of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control;

1. The existing penalty of a fine of up to 1 million yen will be raised to up to 3 million yen.

2. If you bring meat or animal products, you would be punishable with imprisonment for not more than 3 years or a fine of up to 3 million yen (up to 50 million yen for businesses) .

3. Animal Quarantine officer can ask if you have any animal products and inspect your luggage.

4. In addition, Animal Quarantine Officer has the authority to dispose of meat or animal products that have been brought illegally.

5. There are arrests on the charge of bringing meat or animal products illegally.

6. If you failed to declare meat or animal products and found them in your luggage, you would be punishable.

7. It will take time for import inspections due to record your passport and boarding pass.

※ African swine fever, foot and mouth disease, avian influenza and other animal infectious diseases are spreading all over the world.

※ Generally it's difficult to get inspection certificates issued by the

exporting country's government for animal products for personal use, therefore you cannot bring in most of animal products.

※ Above rules apply if they're for yourself, gifts, bought in a shop (including at an airport), home grown, homemade, heat processed or vacuum packed

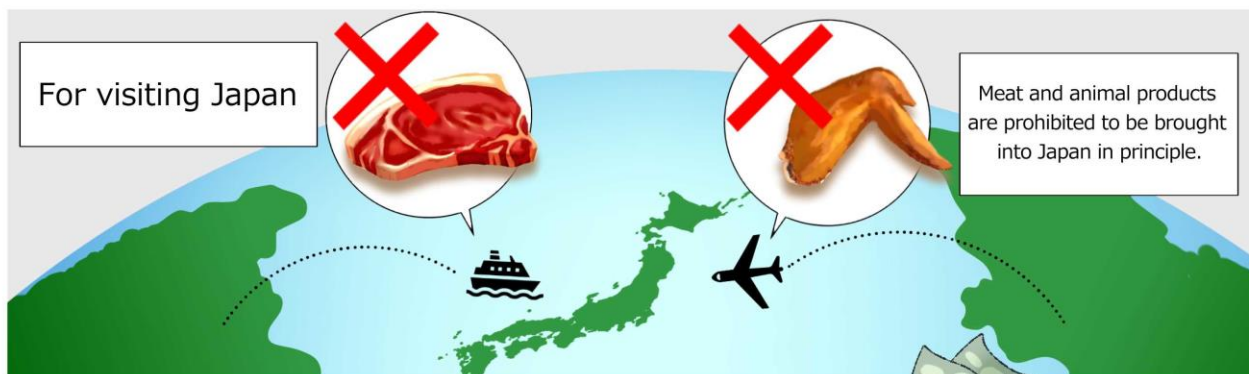
For more details:

<https://www.maff.go.jp/ags/english/product/import.html>

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In case of introducing livestock products without passing import inspection, persons shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of up to 3 years or a fine of up to 3 million yen (up to 50 million yen for businesses corporators).
 If you bring illegal animal products, you can also be denied permission for landing in Japan.

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