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Request for Cooperation: Strengthening Animal and Plant Quarantine during
the Mid-Autumn Festival, National Day, and the Aichi-Nagoya Asian/Asian Para Games

We sincerely appreciate your continued cooperation with animal and plant quarantine efforts.

Outbreaks of fruit flies, including the Oriental fruit fly species complex, are ongoing in several Asian countries. With regard to infectious livestock diseases as well, in Asian countries, African swine fever continues to spread and a type of foot-and-mouth disease that had not previously been confirmed in Asia has also occurred. Furthermore, in South Korea, outbreaks of lumpy skin disease have been continuously reported since the first case was reported in July this year.

As we approach the Mid-Autumn Festival (September 25) and National Day (October 1), and with the Asian Games (September 19–October 4) and the Asian Para Games (October 18–24) scheduled to be held during the same period, the movement of people and goods—particularly within the Asian region—is expected to become even more active. Accordingly, we recognize that quarantine measures against animal and plant diseases at the border have become increasingly important.

During these periods, the Plant Protection Stations and Animal Quarantine Service will strengthen public awareness activities regarding the prohibition of bringing in plants and livestock products by incoming travelers, as well as shoe-sole disinfection and the inspection of accompanied baggage and international mail. They will also carry out awareness-raising activities, such as campaigns, in various locations.

We would greatly appreciate your Ministry's cooperation with the following matters in order to ensure the continued smooth implementation of animal and plant quarantine measures.

1. Refer to the explanatory materials, videos, and leaflets on the websites listed below and disseminate information on animal and plant quarantine to relevant departments within your ministry, passenger terminal building operators, airlines, and international passenger ship operators.
2. Provide information regarding in-flight and onboard announcements to relevant organizations within passenger terminal building operators, airlines, and international passenger ship operators by directing them to the following website.
<https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/pamphlet/pa.html>
3. Inform shipping companies to encourage passengers to clean tires and remove soil or mud before loading bicycles or vehicles onto vessels.
4. Through travel agencies airlines, shipping companies, and other channels, inform both inbound foreign visitors and Japanese travelers, using pamphlets and announcement, that bringing fruits, plants, or meat products into Japan from overseas is prohibited.

Reference 1 (information page):

- Websites (Request to people coming to Japan)
<https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/guidance/pqaqinfo/index.html>
- Videos (Let's prevent the entry of infectious animal diseases from overseas)
https://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/yobou_movie.html
- Leaflets (Messages to you who come to Japan)
<https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/pamphlet.html#messages-to-you>
- Posters (Animal Quarantine Office)
<https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/pamphlet.html#posters>
- Important Notice (Plant Protection Stations)
<https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/information/languages.html>
- Q&A
<https://www.maff.go.jp/e/about/faq.html>

Reference 2 (website on the amendment to the law):

- Amendment to the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control (2026)
https://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/douei/eisei/e_koutei/kaisei_kadenhou/kaisei_kakuron/kaisei-r8.html
- For Businesses Selling Foreign Food Products in Japan
https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/topix/for_foodstore.html