

BlueHorizonShipping

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INBOUND CUSTOMS INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES / JAPAN

Documents and Information Required:

1. **Copy of passport.** Clear photocopy of the picture page and personal data, Japanese entry stamp and Japanese visa required. Original letter on company letterhead may be submitted in lieu of Japanese visa if application will be/has been submitted to Japan Immigration Office. If returning Japanese National, customs will require photocopies of all pages of the passport.
2. Original **Unaccompanied Declaration Form - 5360** – One page form, which *must be requested* from the *inbound flight crew of the passenger airline*. Two copies must be completed identically and submitted to the Customs Official at the airport of arrival. The Customs Official will stamp both copies and returning one to the customer. It is this original which we need to clear the shipment. A letter to customs may be submitted in place of this form, but it is recommended to obtain the **Unaccompanied Declaration Form- 5360**.
3. Copy of work visa from country of origin if the foreign national is not currently living in his / her country of nationality.
4. Keys of locked items (if not provided, lock will be broken)
5. Detailed list of wine and alcohol if shipped. We strongly suggest these item are not included in air the shipment, as inspection and delays will cause additional charges. Placement into the sea freight shipment is advised.
6. Video cassette tape / DVD listing – approx number of tapes / dvd and subject matter (movies, sports, children programs, etc.)
7. New articles listing with purchase receipts

**Note-In order to clear household goods duty free, the owner of the goods must be in Japan during the clearance process. We will need a copy of their arrival stamp.*

Prohibited Items: 100% restriction

Firearms, swords, blowguns and ammunition – weapons in general

Pornographic materials

Meat products such as beef jerky, sausage, ham, etc.

Live plants

Items requiring quarantine certificates: rooted plants, animal furs, shell fish, and live animals

Alcohol:

Should be declared and restricted to personal consumption only. Three bottles duty-free allowance per person if Unaccompanied Baggage Form is completed. Since duties are minimal, we suggest all alcohol be declared.

Dutiable – less than 100 bottles:

Wine and beer – ¥150 per bottle,

Whiskey, bourbon and brandy - ¥375 per bottle

Rum, gin and vodka - ¥300 per bottle

Other - ¥225 per bottle

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Other Duties – if declared or identified by Customs:

New furniture – 5% - 10% of value, receipt or commercial invoice required, shippers are allowed ¥200,000 per person tax deduction on any new furniture items if **Unaccompanied Declaration Form-5360** is completed upon arrival into Japan.

New clothing – 5% of value, receipt or commercial invoice required

Electrical appliances – no duty but 5% consumption tax based on purchase price if newly purchased

Motor Vehicles:

Vehicle must be for personal use only, and have been owned for 6 months prior to import. Owner must complete Declaration Form 536012 to enter duty free. Many private vehicles require various modifications, which may cost ¥100,000 - ¥1,000,000.

Estimated Time needed after arrival at POE to clear and deliver the shipment:

Please note that the following times are **approximate** and can vary depending on port and customs conditions.

From arrival in Japan:

Air: 3-5 working days

LCL: 7-10 working days

FCL: 5-7 working days