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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>General requirement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Unaccompanied Articles Customs declaration form C-5360 or C-5360-B (hereinafter referred to as " C-5360 "). ▪ Customs form C-5360 for Japanese or customs form C-5360-B for Non-Japanese. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two copies of the declaration forms shall be submitted to a Customs officer at Airport of your entry and you shall keep one copy with his seal for Customs clearance of your household goods as air or ocean shipments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maritime Container Cargo - general requirement for ocean shipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 30, 2012, a bill to amend part of the Customs Tariff Law and relevant laws has passed through the Diet. This amendment enacts the Advance Filing Rules, which require a shipping company or an NVOCC to electronically submit information for maritime container cargoes to be loaded on a vessel intending to entry into a port in Japan, to the Customs in principle no later than 24 hours before departure of the vessel from a port of loading. The Rules have been implemented since March 2014. • The Customs law of Japan prescribes a penalty if Shipping Companies or NVOCC file no (or false) cargo information by the filing deadline. • More information can be found at http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/index.htm • Contact your FIDI partner in Japan for specific details and charges for consolidated shipments.
<p>Removals of returning Japanese citizens including Diplomats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ C-5360. ▪ Packing list or descriptive and detailed inventory (English or Japanese). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the required documents are completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs declaration form C-5360 can be obtained on the shipper's flight over to Japan.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passport copies of the shipper with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A clear copy of the picture and information page of shipper's passport. 2. A clear copy of visa of the country where the shipment comes from. 3. A clear copy of shipper's most recent entry stamp into Japan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The date should be the same as a stamp on C-5360. ▪ The date should be within 6 months from the shipment's arrival date. 4. A clear copy of shipper's departure stamp from Japan to the country where the shipment comes from. 5. A clear copy of shipper's entry stamp into the country where the shipment comes from. 6. A clear copy of shipper's departure stamp from the country where the shipment comes to Japan. ▪ In case the shipper does not submit C-5360 upon arrival: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology letter to Customs (Original) is necessary. • All brand new items (incl. food items) will be taxable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal goods consist of used household effects, which have been in the owner's use, and they are for his continued use in his new residence. ▪ Customs may inspect all the shipment physically. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shipper should request two copies to the flight attendant (as they must be completed in duplicates). • Customs declaration form can be obtained at the airport upon arrival, too. ▪ The shipper must hand the completed two C-5360 (forms) to the customs officer at the airport upon arrival, where the C-5360 will be stamped and one copy will be returned to the shipper immediately.
Removals of Foreign Residents (new residents) (holders of foreign passport + Employment, Investors, Self-Employment, Spouse & Resident Permits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ C-5360. ▪ Packing list or descriptive and detailed inventory (English or Japanese). ▪ Passport copies of the shipper with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear copy of the picture and information page of shipper's passport. • A clear copy of the visa page of the shipper's passport (working visa in Japan). • A clear copy of the visa of the country where the shipment comes from if the 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs declaration form C-5360 can be obtained on the shipper's flight over to Japan. The shipper should request two copies to the flight attendant (as they must be completed in duplicates). ▪ Customs declaration form can be obtained at the airport upon arrival, too. ▪ The shipper must hand the completed two C-5360 (forms) to the customs officer at the airport upon arrival, where the C-5360 will

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	<p>shipper's nationality is different from the origin country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear copy of shipper's most recent entry stamp into Japan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The date should be the same as a stamp on C-5360. ▪ The date should be within 6 months from the shipment's arrival date. • A clear copy of shipper's departure stamp from the country where the shipment comes to Japan. ▪ In case the shipper does not submit C-5360 upon arrival: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology letter to Customs (Original) is necessary. • All brand new items (incl. food items) will be taxable. 		<p>be stamped and one copy will be returned to the shipper immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If shipper's visa is not available, a letter to Customs prepared by the company in Japan may be used in lieu of actual visa (original copy required). This letter should be prepared for each shipment. ▪ Please ask Customs and get the confirmation in advance.
Diplomats removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A clear copy of the picture and information of diplomatic passport ▪ Simplified customs clearance request form for diplomats issued by Foreign Ministry. In case the form is not available, the customs clearance procedure is the same as removals of Foreign Residents. ▪ Import declaration form 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consult your Embassy and local agent for the importation of alcohol (quantities allowed).
Wedding trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marriage certificate (if available) ▪ Descriptive inventory 		
Inheritance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liable to payment of customs duty if they have not been in the owner's/shipper's previous use and possession while living abroad. 	

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New furniture, presents, souvenirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receipt (if available) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liable to payment of customs duty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New items whose total market values are not more than JPY200,000 are duty-free.
Machines, appliances and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receipt (if available) ▪ Specification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liable to payment of customs duty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New items whose total market values are not more than JPY200,000 are duty-free.
Works of art & Antiques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receipt (if available) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goods are forming a part of a used household goods, or • Articles produced more than 100 years ago. (Certificate from the Government necessary to prove that the goods are really produced more than 100 years ago). • These articles have been in the use and possession of the owner for more than 12 months and are not for re-sale. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antiques and works of art imported for re-sale are subject to different regulations.
Car, Motor cycle, Camping car, Motor boat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original vehicle registration certificate at origin country that proves the usage of the vehicle by the shipper/consignee. ▪ Bill of sale, receipt or invoice. ▪ Original C-5360. ▪ Original passport with working visa in Japan. ▪ Alien registration card in Japan (in case of Foreign Residents). ▪ Engagement letter not to resale the vehicle within 2 years. ▪ Declaration of customs duty exemption (Customs Form T No.1280). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicles have to be modified to meet Japanese exhaust emission and safety regulations.
Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liquors list. ▪ Customs Form C5360. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free, per person aged 20 years or more: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bottles maximum (760 ml x 3), with proper Customs Form C5360. ▪ Duties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whisky/Brandy: 600 yen / litre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare a liquors list to ensure smooth customs clearance.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gin / Liquor: 400 yen / litre • Wine: 200 yen / litre. 	
Food		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meat products including beef jerky, sausage, and ham are prohibited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs are strict with the import of food particularly those of air shipment. ▪ In case food items are in the shipment, inspection will be done at Customs clearance and will incur extra handling fees.
Tobacco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receipt (if available) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If declared, 400 cigarettes are duty free per person aged 20 years old or more. 	
Firearms & Swords		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation prohibited - firearms and swords (longer than 15 cm blade). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For Japanese antique swords, importation is allowed under certain regulations.
Dogs & Cats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of vaccination (vaccination against rabies). ▪ Health certificate. ▪ Micro-chip implantation certificate. ▪ Passport copy and visa required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cannot be imported as part of household goods shipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Latest information available at http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/dog/import-other.html
Other pets		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cannot be imported as part of household goods shipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regulations differ according to kinds of pets. ▪ Latest information is available at http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/im_index.html
Stuffed animals		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation prohibited. 	
Prohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pornography, narcotics, straw, explosive, counterfeit products, gun. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As for CITES, latest information available at http://www.meti.go.jp/english/policy/external_economy/CITES/cites_imports.html
Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Japanese Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15) Guidelines for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Based on the result of a pest risk analysis for wood packaging material, Japan amended its Import Plant Quarantine Regulation (MAF

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		<p>Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With a view to harmonizing our regulation with the international standards, definition of good packaging material and measures for it in the regulation is equivalent to that provided in ISPM No.15. ▪ Wood packaging material treated and certified according to ISPM No.15 will not be subject to import quarantine procedures. ▪ Wood packaging material without the mark (Annex II, ISPM No.15) will be inspected at ports of entry by plant quarantine officers for confirmation of compliance with the regulation. ▪ Detection of a quarantine pest constitutes non-compliance. According to Japanese domestic law, it is subject to disinfestation, incineration or re-shipping by consignee's choice according to the Japanese domestic law. 	<p>Notification No.206, 1950).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An outline of this regulation can be found online at http://www.pps.go.jp/english/woodpack/index.html



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