

MAFF

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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To: IPPC Contact Point

Subject: New paper of Phytosanitary Certificate in Japan

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to inform you about the change of the paper of the Phytosanitary Certificate and Pyotosanitary Certificate for Re-export (PCs) which are issued by the Plant Protection Station, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Government of Japan. Issuance of PCs on new paper will start from October 1st, 2013.

New paper will be introduced taking into security consideration and specimens of the new PCs are attached for your kind reference. Characteristics of the new paper are as follows:

- Words of ‘農林水産省植物防疫所 JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FORESTRY AND FISHERIES PLANT PROTECTION STATION’ are printed with very small yellowish green letters on the whole paper.
- Two paulownia crests are watermarked on the paper.
- When the paper is copied, words of ‘COPY 複写’ will appear on the copied paper.

Please note that there is no change for the format of the PCs. Current paper will be used until the issuance of PCs on September 30th, 2013.

You are kindly requested to forward this information to the officers concerned.

Best regards,



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