

# Legislative and regulatory requirements of Japan

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# Legislation for ePhyto

## Plant Protection Act

(Restrictions on Importation)

Article 6

(1) **Imported plants and their containers or packages shall not be imported, except for those to which a phytosanitary certificate, or its copy, issued by a governmental organization of the exporting country is attached**, which states to the effect that it is confirmed or believed that a Quarantine Pest is not attached to them as a result of inspection by such organization; however, this shall not apply to the following plants and their containers or packages:

(i) abbrev.

(ii) Plants and their containers or packages that are imported from countries provided for in the Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, for which matters to be stated in **the phytosanitary certificate or its copy are transmitted from the governmental organization of such countries to an electronic computer used by the plant protection station (including input and output devices) by way of a telecommunications line and are recorded in a file stored in such electronic computer.**

# History of electronic import/export clearance procedures

1978 Nippon Air-Cargo Clearance System started

1991 Nippon Automated Cargo Clearance System (NACCS) started

1992 The Government decided to interface import/export clearance procedures to NACCS to simplify and prompt these procedures

## **1996 Plant Protection Act was revised**

1997 Electronic application system for plant quarantine (PQ-network) and animal quarantine (ANIPAS including e-cert system) started

2003 Act on Use of Information and Communications Technology in Administrative Procedure started

2008 new NACCS (Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System) started and Revised PQ-network linked to NACCS started

2013 Single window NACCS system started (PQ-network, ANIPAS and others were integrated in NACCS) and PQ-network ended

**2017 Revised NACCS will start**

# Next step in establishing legislation for ePhyto

- **Regulation and Requirements for operation**

# Thank you