

JAPAN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS GUIDE

Country Guide Professional reference for international trade teams

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WORKFLOW OVERVIEW

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Structured trade knowledge for Japan Import Requirements Guide from Trade Knowledge Foundation

* Primary customs valuation and trade settlement document listing goods, value, and terms.

* Details packages, weights, and contents must align with invoice and transport document.

BUSINESS BACKGROUND

PSE, food sanitation, and import documentation notes for Japan market. enterprise trade guide with workflow, examples, FAQ, and related tools.

* Exporters, importers, and trade operations teams

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STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Document / Requirement

- Invoice
- Packing list
- B/L
- Import permit if required
- COO
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COUNTRY REGULATIONS

- * Import declaration via NACCS
- * Importer registration for frequent importers
- * Quality and punctuality paramount
- * Bank transfer with strict invoice matching

INDUSTRY NOTES

- * CE Machinery Directive (EU)
- * Product safety & technical files
- * HS Chapters 84 85 classification
- * FCC (US), CE/RoHS (EU), CCC (China)
- * Lithium battery transport (IATA/IMDG)
- * Anti-dumping duties on select HS lines
- * CE Machinery Directive
- * ISO 9001

PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

- * Authoritative content for Japan Import Requirements Guide following Country Resource Blueprint structure.

CHECKLISTS

- * PSE and product safety for regulated goods
- * Food sanitation and quarantine where applicable
- * Import documentation and Japanese language notes
- * Importer of record and clearance process
- * Invoice
- * Packing list
- * B/L
- * Import permit if required

COMMON MISTAKES

- * Missing Incoterms
- * Invoice/packing quantity mismatch
- * Undervaluation
- * Weight mismatch vs B/L
- * Missing marks & numbers

FAQ

- * Q: What does the Japan Import Requirements Guide cover? A: Customs, documentation, and compliance for shipping goods to Japan.
- * Q: Is this a commercial invoice template? A: No downloadable country compliance PDF, not a fillable invoice.
- * Q: Who should use this resource? A: Exporters and forwarders planning shipments to this market.
- * Q: How often should rules be verified? A: Before each new product line or contract regulations change.
- * Q: How to use with Trade31? A: Download PDF, use landed-cost tools, and review related knowledge articles.
- * Q: When is PSE required? A: For specified electrical products verify category before shipment.

BEST PRACTICES

- * [Wooden crates ISPM 15](#)
- * [Anti-static bags and foam](#)
- * [Pre-shipment inspection \(PSI\) when contracted](#)
- * [Functional test sampling](#)

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