



MCAS Iwakuni Japan Customs Inbound Brief

- ❖ The purpose of the following brief is to ensure that all inbound personnel, Military, DOD or Civilian, are made aware of the prohibited / restricted items that apply to U S Customs and Japanese Law. This will help speed up the inbound process here in Iwakuni Japan.



USFJ Policy Letter 11-12B

- ❖ In accordance with the above policy letter, it is prohibited to bring into the country of Japan from **ANY OTHER COUNTRY “OR FROM OKINAWA”**, any of the following mentioned items:



PROHIBITED ITEMS

1. Plants, parts of plants, seeds and bulbs for propagation and cultivation.
2. Fresh fruits and fresh vegetables (to include frozen articles)
3. Grains and legumes (and products of same) used for foods, forage or oils, which have not undergone heat treatment.
4. Raw materials of condiments and non edibles, such as coffee beans, cocoa beans, pepper, tobacco leaves etc.
5. Dried fruits which have not undergone heat treatment and/or which are not vacuum packed.



PROHIBITED ITEMS (CONT)

6. Coarse fiber, such as flax, hemp, abaca, and straw goods, such as straw bags, ropes etc.
7. Timber with bark.
8. Packing materials or containers of the articles specified above.
9. Any controlled substance as defined by U.S. Federal Law (including Narcotics, Hallucinogenic Drugs, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Marijuana, etc.)



PROHIBITED ITEMS (CONT)

10. Goods made by convict labor, force labor, or indentured labor under penal sanctions.
11. Destructive Devices (explosive caps, hand grenades, tear gas projectiles, artillery simulators, explosives, flammables, white phosphorus matches, etc.)
12. Counterfeits of coins, securities, obligation, postage or revenue stamps and colored illustrations of postage stamps of the U.S. or other Foreign Countries.
13. Counterfeits of DVD Movies, Games, Music, Clothing or other unauthorized copies or reproductions of copyrighted goods.



PROHIBITED ITEMS (CONT)

14. **Obscene and immoral Articles which include ALL forms of PORNOGRAPHY** such as books, pictures, playing cards, films(vhs or dvd to include but not limited to Girls Gone Wild), magazines or other publications devoted solely to the portrayal of Sexual acts, including homosexual or with animals.

ANY NUDITY OF THE FEMALE ANATOMY FROM THE WAIST DOWN IS CONSIDERED PORN BY JAPANESE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.



PROHIBITED ITEMS (CONT)

15. Lottery Tickets and advertisements of any lottery.
16. Matter, which is seditious, treasonable or insurrectionary toward the United States or the country of Japan.
17. Articles or Medication for the inducement of Abortion.
18. Absinthe or liquors, which contain wormwood.
19. Animals, poultry, bird's eggs, wild bird feathers, poultry products and byproducts, and animal products and byproducts, to include meat extracts, secretions.
20. Mixed or outdated medications whether over the counter or prescription. (example: Tylenol mixed with Advil)



PROHIBITED ITEMS (CONT)

21. Any food product that is not still commercially sealed.
22. **FIREARMS and AMUNITION ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE SHIPPED TO JAPAN. PISTOLS ARE ILLEGAL. YOU NEED TO FIND STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE U.S. PRIOR TO PCSing.**
23. **KNIVES WITH BLADES LONGER THAN 3 INCHES**
 - LOCKING BLADES**
 - AUTOMATICALLY OPENING KNIVES**
 - GRAVITY OPERATED KNIVES**
 - SWITCH BLADES OR BUTTERFLY KNIVES**
 - ANY OTHER DANGEROUS DEVICES**



RESTRICTED ITEMS

The following list is of items that are restricted in the country of Japan. This means that some are authorized but it must apply to the Military, Civilian, or DOD personnel.



RESTRICTED ITEMS (CONT)

1. K-BARS

-- K-Bars are authorized **ONLY** if the owner is a **SNCO(E6)** or **Officer**.

-- K-Bars are authorized for **SGT (E5)** and **BELOW** only if they are on **ACCOMPANIED ORDERS** and will reside in **BASE HOUSING** and **NOT THE BEQ**.



RESTRICTED ITEMS (CONT)

2. Alcohol – Must be 21 years old.

No more than 2.28 liters & must be Commercially Sealed.

Must also be a SSgt (E6) or above to have in the BEQ.

3. Tobacco Products – Must be 18 years old.

You are allowed the following:

--- 50 cigars

--- 2 cartons Cigarettes

--- 2 log of Dip / Snuff

--- 50 grams of Chewing Tobacco

** If you bring in more than the above mentioned you will have to pay duty taxes **



ADDITIONAL NOTES

Upon entering MCAS Iwakuni, Japan you will be greeted by U.S Military Customs Inspectors.

They will conduct a 100% search of ALL CARRY ON BAGGAGE.

In addition K-9 will search 100% of all CHECKED BAGGAGE.

Upon completion of K-9 inspection a random amount of checked bags will be pulled for inspection dependant upon the amount of personnel checking in.



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THANK YOU

We hope this slide show has answered most, if not all, questions about what is not authorized to enter the country of Japan. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding U.S. Customs. MCAS Iwakuni Customs and the Provost Marshals Office appreciates your cooperation and we look forward to welcoming you aboard MCAS Iwakuni, Japan in the near future.



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