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**Report Highlights:**

From August 19, 2021, Japan has expanded market access for U.S.-grown plums to imports of Japanese plums (*Prunus salicina*) from the United States, in addition to European plums (*Prunus domestica*) grown in the United States.

## **General**

In 2001, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) granted market access to U.S. plums, but it was limited to the European plum (*Prunus domestica*).

On August 19, 2021, MAFF revised the “Ordinance for Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act regarding the U.S. European Plum” to allow imports of U.S.-origin Japanese plum (*Prunus salicina*) to Japan. This revision takes effect immediately.

Due to Japan’s concerns about codling moth in the United States, U.S.-origin European and Japanese plums destined for Japan must follow a specific workplan, which includes mandatory methyl bromide fumigation. Furthermore, MAFF requires a phytosanitary certificate issued by the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for U.S. plum exports to Japan. For detailed import requirements for U.S. plums, including Japanese plums, please refer to [MAFF’s detailed rule for imports of U.S. plums](#) (available in Japanese only).

## **Attachments:**

No Attachments.