

## Schreiben der Botschaft Japans vom 16. September 2009

Explanation for refused entry of the tissue culture of *Calibrachoa* (Solanaceae)

Import of live plants of *Calibrachoa* (Solanaceae) from your country to Japan is prohibited by our Plant Protection Act, because *Calibrachoa* (Solanaceae) is a host of tobacco blue mold, potato wart, Colorado potato beetle, Potato cyst nematode and White potato cyst nematode.

However, tissue cultures (TC) of *Calibrachoa* (Solanaceae) can be imported subject to quarantine inspection, rather than treated as prohibited articles, if they have been cultivated *in vitro*, transplanted, enclosed and sealed under sterilized conditions, and such conditions are maintained during transport to Japan.

In order to determine that imported TC are not prohibited articles, the Plant Protection Station asks the consignee to submit documents containing the following information and confirms whether or not the conditions of the consignment match those described in the documents.

1. Origin of the mother plant
2. Management system for the mother plant
3. Part of the mother plant used for the TC
4. Method of obtaining the starting plant tissue
5. Culturing conditions
6. Management system for the TC
7. Method of propagating the TC
8. Form and material of the flask and/or container used for transport
9. Means of transport from the laboratory to Japan

In the case of your inquiry, culturing conditions of the consignment was different from what had been described by the consignee. Hence, we treated the TC as prohibited articles and refused entry of the consignment.