

Understand ACP/CPA

To import your FBA shipment, you may need an ACP (Attorney for Customs Procedures, also called Customs Procedure Agent or CPA; hereinafter 'CPA') to support the customs clearance procedures for your goods.

The following materials on the Japan Customs website explains in what situations you need a CPA.

<https://www.customs.go.jp/shiryo/jirei.pdf>

If you are required to use a CPA, Overseas FBA sellers will be filing import declarations under the seller's name while using a CPA to help bring their inventory into Japan. A CPA is a resident Japanese entity who registers with Japan Customs as your agent to help with customs declarations and communications. Please note CPA does not fully take over the whole responsibility of an importer. You must ensure that your goods comply with the local laws and regulations as a part of your responsibility.

Please note that the customs territory of Japan is divided into regional areas that do not share information regarding CPA registration. This means you can only rely on your CPA in the region(s) where the application is received. You have to appoint a CPA in each region if necessary. Once you find out the destination Fulfillment Centre (FC) for your goods, please ensure that your CPA is registered in all required regions. For details, you should consult with the relevant customs office.

Are certain product categories limited to Japanese-resident as Importer instead of an ACP/CPA?

There are certain products that are subject to notification, certification, or registration requirements that must be met by a resident Japanese entity who is also responsible for ensuring the imported goods comply with local laws and regulations. Because these requirements can only be met by a Japanese entity, a non-resident IOR cannot meet them. You are responsible for determining whether or not your goods require a notification, certification, or registration. Japan Customs website has provided an outline of relevant laws and ordinances as a guide but you should also consult with your customs broker or legal advisor. Additionally, all imported products must meet Japanese regulations and product labeling obligations.

For more information, please refer to the Japan Customs' website: <http://www.customs.go.jp/>

For more information on the 2023 Japan Customs Act Amendment, please refer to the Japan Customs' website:

[JP] https://www.customs.go.jp/shiryo/leaflet_jimukanrinin.pdf

[EN] https://www.customs.go.jp/shiryo/leaflet_jimukanrinin_e.pdf

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