



Private Secretary

cc Miss Waghorn
Mr Fitton
Mr Lindsay
Mr Hoggard

BONSAI TREES

1. I understand the Prime Minister expressed interest in taking a bonsai tree back to the UK. Unfortunately, UK phyto-sanitary regulations prohibit the importation of trees and shrubs, including .. bonsai, into the UK by private individuals. I attach a copy of guidance which we received recently from MAFF on the subject.
2. If the Prime Minister is still interested in importing a bonsai tree, I understand that this can be done through licensed importers, of which MAFF can provide details.

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Mr Hewlett - Yours.
cc 1) AAO - In case it comes
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TO: MR. GIFFARD, BRITISH EMBASSY, TOKYO
FM: MISS BOWLZER, MAFF, PLANT HEALTH, LONDON (R.145, GWH)
CC: MISS WILGOSS, E.R. 'A', LWPE
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IMPORTATION OF PLANTS INTO UNITED KINGDOM

REF. YOUR TELEX OF 1.4.86:

- 1). PROHIBITIONS
- 1.1 ALL PLANTS OF TREES AND SHRUBS (INCLUDING BONSAI):
 - 1.2 PLANTS AND SEEDS OF GENUS BETA:
 - 1.3 PLANTS AND FAMILIES GRAMINEAE (ALL GRASSES) AND SOLANACEAE:
 - 1.4 TRUE SEED OF POTATO (SOLANUM TUBEROSUM):
 - 1.5 ANNUAL AND BIENNIAL PLANTS:
 - 1.6 PLANTS OF HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS OF FAMILIES: CARYOPHYLLACEAE (EXCEPT CARNATION) COMPOSITAE CRUCIFERAE LEGUMINOSAE ROSACEAE (MANY FRUITING AND ORNAMENTALS):
 - 1.7 PLANTS OF CHRYSANTHEMUM:
 - 1.8 PLANTS IN TISSUE CULTURE.

THE ABOVE MAY NOT BE IMPORTED BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

COMMERCIAL ENQUIRERS SHOULD BE ASKED TO GET THEIR U.K. IMPORTER TO CONTACT THIS DIVISION.

2). ALL OTHER PLANTS MAY BE IMPORTED, FOLLOWING INSPECTION BY JAPANESE M.A.F. INSPECTORS TO ENSURE FREEDOM FROM PLANT PESTS, AND ACCOMPANIED BY A PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THEM WITHIN 14 DAYS OF EXPORT. PLANTS MUST BE FREED FROM SOIL/GROWING MEDIUM. ANY PACKING MUST BE FREE FROM SOIL, PLANT PESTS AND DISEASES AND THIS MUST BE DECLARED ON HEALTH CERTIFICATE.

3). WE ARE SENDING OUR 'GUIDE TO IMPORTERS' BY AIR MAIL.

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