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The Department of External Affairs has been advised that the Japanese Government has enacted special measures for the establishment of owner farmers. The Japanese Government is purchasing agricultural properties of all absentee owners of Japanese nationality.

Exemption is provided, however, for owners of such land who, according to records in Japan, have renounced or lost their Japanese nationality prior to October 21, 1946.

It is further provided that persons who are registered as Japanese nationals in the records of Japan, as of October 21, 1946, but who in reality had lost Japanese nationality and had become foreign nationals prior to that date, may submit to the Japanese Government applications for the cancellation of the purchase. Such applications should include evidence supporting the absentee owner's loss of Japanese nationality.

Applications for exemption may be submitted immediately, or within a period of twelve months of the date an Order to Purchase is received, and should be sent direct to the Japanese Government (Minister of Agriculture and Forestry).

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