

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

AG 386.7 (30 Dec 46) ESS/FT  
(SCAFIN 1428)

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30 December 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH: Central Liaison Office, Tokyo

SUBJECT: Release and Sale of Pearls, Natural and Cultured,  
and Articles Containing Pearls

1. The following memoranda to the Imperial Japanese Government from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers are rescinded:

✓ a. File AG 091.33 (14 Jan 46 ESS/IE, (SCAFIN 593), dated 14 January 1946, subject: Inventory and Authorized Sale of Polished and Unpolished, both Natural and Cultured Pearls.

✓ b. File AG 091.33 (13 Apr 46) ESS/IE, (SCAFIN 981-4), dated 13 April 1946, subject: Release of Pearls.

✓ c. File AG 410.4 (17 May 46) ESS/IE, (SCAFIN 963), dated 17 May 1946, subject: Restriction on Sale of Pearls and Pearl Articles.

2. It is directed that the Imperial Japanese Government take immediate action to prohibit all transactions involving the sale or transfer of natural or cultured pearls and pearl articles except:

a. Transactions involving the sale to or for the Central Purchasing Office, General Headquarters, Army Forces, Pacific.

b. Transactions specifically authorized in writing by this headquarters. Requests for authorization will be submitted in writing through the Central Liaison Office. These requests are to indicate:

- (1) Owner of pearls.
- (2) Source of pearls.
- (3) Location of pearls.
- (4) Description of pearls.
- (5) Intended purchaser of pearls.
- (6) Terms of Transaction.

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3. It is directed that the Imperial Japanese Government will make available each week to the Central Purchasing Office, General Headquarters, Army Forces, Pacific, Shibusawa Building, 3-1 Chome, Kayaba-cho, Nihonbashi Ku, Tokyo, the following:

a. Three thousand (3,000) strands of cultured pearls of which a minimum of fifteen hundred (1500) strands will be as follows:

<u>Value</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Average Weight</u>
¥ 300	200	3.0 mm
400	150	3.0
600	225	3.5
700	200	3.5
1,000	250	4.0
1,200	150	4.1
1,500	150	4.9
2,000	150	5.0
Over ¥ 2,000 but under ¥ 3,000	25	5.0

b. Matched sets, three (3) pearls per box as follows:

150	100	3.0 mm
300	100	3.0
500	100	3.5

c. Such individual pearls as the Central Purchasing Office may order for rings, jewelry, etc.

4. Terms and conditions of sales will be determined by direct negotiation between the suppliers and the Central Purchasing Office.

5. After inspection, any pearls not desired by Central Purchasing Office for sale through authorized Exchange systems will be designated for export through the Board of Trade (Boeki Cho), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

6. The Imperial Japanese Government is directed to establish adequate procedures and regulations and penalties to insure strict compliance with the provisions of this directive. Three copies each of the original and the translation of said regulations, and procedures and penalties will be submitted to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers upon promulgation.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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