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## Japan

### Dairy and Products

### Voluntary Report - JFY 2009 Japan Dairy Minimum Access

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**Report Highlights:** On December 24, 2009, ALIC, a state trading corporation, announced its plan to import 8,000 MT of NFDM under the minimum access for JFY 2009. The announcement came in response to expected shortages of NFDM in the coming year.

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**JFY 2009 State Purchase Plan Announced -  
Designated Dairy Products under the Minimum Access**

Japan is expected to allocate the 2009 Japanese fiscal year (JFY) dairy Uruguay Round minimum access quota to import 8,000 MT of non-fat dry milk (NFMD) and 4,400 MT of butter. The plan was made available to importers on December 24 by the Agriculture & Livestock Industry Corporation (ALIC), a state trading organization affiliated with Japan's agriculture ministry.

In addition, Japan will be importing 4,500 MT of edible whey for JFY 2009 current access (Note: Japan's minimum access imports include a fixed volume purchase of this product every year under SBS – simultaneous buy and sell system). The above should fulfill Japan's minimum access commitment for JFY 2009 (a fluid milk equivalent of 137,202 MT).

It is unusual for ALIC to announce its purchase plans this early, suggesting that Japanese buyers expect NFDM supplies to be tight in 2009, a view supported by low stocks (27,600 MT as of Oct. 2008) and rising wholesale prices (up 12% from April – Oct. to 14,614 yen per 25 Kg.). Imports of NFDM are scheduled to take place before March and will be released through ALIC tender after April.

It is not clear if Japan will make purchases beyond the minimum access for NFDM or butter in JFY 2009. Last year saw shortages of butter but the extent of dairy demand is somewhat clouded by a slowing overall economy.