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Report Highlights:

On April 1, 2020, the Government of Japan announced tariff-rate quota volumes for dairy products that will be open during Japanese Fiscal Year (JFY) 2020 (April to March). The announcement includes quotas for natural cheese for processing, skimmed milk powder, evaporated milk, butter and butteroil, and certain whey products. The quota volume for natural cheese for processing increased slightly while other quota volumes remained unchanged.

General Information:

On April 1, 2020, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) announced tariff-rate quota (TRQ) volumes for dairy products that will be in effect during Japanese Fiscal Year 2020 (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021). See Table 1 below for the list of TRQs. These TRQs are operated by MAFF and are separate from the TRQs operated by the Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) which were announced January 31 (see JA2020-0027).

For the "natural cheese for processed cheese production" TRQ, each applicant (within Japan) is allowed to import natural cheese duty-free up to 2.5 times the volume of domestic cheese it uses for the production of processed cheese. The volume allocation for this TRQ was raised from JFY 2019 by 1,900 MT. Other TRQ volumes remained unchanged, however the allocations within the skimmed milk powder (for other purposes) TRQ and butter and butteroil TRQ were adjusted slightly.

The TRQ for "other dairy products" is calculated on a whole milk equivalent basis. Volumes are calculated by multiplying the fat content of the product by 15.12 and the non-fat solid content of the product by 6.59.

These TRQs are available to all most-favored nation trading partners. In addition to these TRQs, the United States receives preferential quota access under the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement. Details on these preferential quotas are available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta.

Table 1: Japan Dairy TRQs for JFY 2020 Operated by MAFF

Product	TRQ Volume (metric tons)	Note
Natural cheese for processed cheese production	48,100 MT	Pooled quota of natural cheese for processed cheese
Other dairy products	133,940 MT (whole milk equivalent basis)	Includes certain products within HS 0401.10 0401.20 0401.40 0401.50 0403.10 0403.90 0404.90 1806.20 1806.90 1901.10 1901.20 1901.90 2101.12 2101.20 2106.10 2106.90
Skimmed milk powder (for school lunch)	7,264 MT	
Skimmed milk powder (for other purposes)	74,973 MT subdivided into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assorted feed production: 74,111 MT Reconstituted milk production for Okinawa: 759 MT Infant formula production 	

	for Okinawa: 103 MT	
Evaporated milk	1,500 MT	Pooled quota for certain products within HS 0402.91
Mineral concentrated whey	14,000 MT	
Whey and modified whey (for animal feeding purposes)	45,000 MT	
Prepared whey (for infant formula)	25,000 MT	Pooled quota of whey etc. used for prepared milk powder for babies and infants
Butter and butteroil	Total 581 MT subdivided into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstituted milk production for Okinawa: 329 MT • Powdered infant formula production for Okinawa: 12 MT • International flight use: 119 MT • International trade fair use: 121 MT 	
Source: MAFF		

Attachments:

No Attachments.