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Report Highlights:

On April 1, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) announced tariff-rate quota (TRQ) volumes for dairy products that will be open during Japanese fiscal year (JFY) 2021 (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 19 percent from JFY 2020.

General Information:

On April 1, 2021, 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 (JFY) 2021 (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022). These TRQs operated by MAFF are separate from the designated dairy product TRQ operated by the Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC). The initial ALIC TRQ volumes were announced on January 29 (see [JA2021-0014](#)).

Table 1 below lists the MAFF dairy TRQs. 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 19 percent from JFY 2020 to 57,300 metric tons (MT). While the TRQs for skimmed milk powder (for other purposes) and butter and butteroil remained unchanged, each volume for the sub-category was adjusted based on MAFF’s projection of domestic demand and production (see Table 1 for the details).

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’s Dairy TRQs for JFY 2021 Operated by MAFF

| Product | TRQ Volume in JFY 2021 | Change from JFY 2020 | Note |
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| Natural cheese for processed cheese production | 57,300 MT | + 9,100 MT | Pooled quota of natural cheese for processed cheese |
| Other dairy products | 133,940 MT (whole milk equivalent basis) | Unchanged | 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 | Unchanged | |
| Skimmed milk powder (for other purposes) | 74,973 MT subdivided into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assorted feed production: 73,753 MT Reconstituted milk production for Okinawa: 1,130 MT Infant formula production for Okinawa: 90 MT | The total was unchanged <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assorted feed production: - 358 MT Reconstituted milk production for Okinawa: + 371 MT Infant formula production for Okinawa: - 13 MT | |
| Evaporated milk | 1,500 MT | Unchanged | Pooled quota for certain products within HS 0402.91 |
| Mineral concentrated whey | 14,000 MT | Unchanged | |
| Whey and modified whey (for animal feeding purposes) | 45,000 MT | Unchanged | |

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| Prepared whey (for infant formula) | 25,000 MT | <i>Unchanged</i> | 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: 465 MT • Powdered infant formula production for Okinawa: 3 MT • International flight use: 76 MT • International trade fair use: 37 MT | <i>The total was unchanged:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reconstituted milk production for Okinawa: + 136 MT</i> • <i>Powdered infant formula production for Okinawa: - 9 MT</i> • <i>International flight use: - 43 MT</i> • <i>International trade fair use: - 84 MT</i> | |
| Source: MAFF | | | |

Attachments:

No Attachments.