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U.S. Exporters Reminded to Abide by Japanese Container Weight Limits

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Report Highlights:

Effective April 1, Japan has new limits on the overall weight of 20 foot and 40 foot containers. The Japan Meat Traders Association is reminding U.S. exporters to be aware of the new requirements.

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Effective April 1, the Japanese government is enforcing new weight limits for 20 and 40 foot containers. The Japan Meat Traders Association is reminding U.S. exporters of frozen meat in particular need to be careful not to exceed the new limits.

The new maximum total cargo weight, including the container, must not exceed 30.48 MT (67,196 lbs) for a 40 foot container. The new total cargo weight limit for a 20 or 24 MT (52,910 lbs).

Although the refrigerated containers used to transport U.S. meat to Japan are seldom used after delivery to bonded storage warehouses, some of these warehouses are as much as 30 miles from Tokyo, Osaka or the port of Kobe and thus travel on public roads.