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Report Highlights:

This is one in a series of reports providing concise overviews of how the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA), which entered into force on January 1, 2020, affects certain product groups. Once USJTA is fully implemented, nearly 90 percent of all U.S. food and agricultural products imported into Japan will be duty free or receive preferential tariff access. Please note that the information provided is not fully comprehensive and additional details may be found in the agreement text itself. Additional information is available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta.

Overview: In 2018, the United States exported \$34 million of non-dairy fat and oil products to Japan, making Japan the #18 overseas market. The United States accounted for three percent of Japan’s total imports of edible non-dairy fats and oils. The years below correspond to Japan’s fiscal year beginning April 1.

Product Name Japan Customs HS Code		Base Rate	Year 1 (2019)	Year 2 (2020)	Year 3 (2021)	Final Tariff (Year)	2018 Imports
Safflower oil, crude* 151211210, 151211220	Acid value>0.6	8.5 yen/kg	Free			Free (2019)	\$7,850,241
	Other	10.4 yen/kg	6.93 yen/kg	5.20 yen/kg	3.47 yen/kg	Free (2023)	\$262,094
Soybean oil, crude* 150710100 150710200	Acid value>0.6	10.9 yen/kg	7.27 yen/kg	5.45 yen/kg	3.63 yen/kg	Free (2023)	\$4,822,777
	Other	13.2 yen/kg	8.8 yen/kg	6.6 yen/kg	4.4 yen/kg	Free (2023)	\$55,779
Cottonseed oil and its fractions* 151221090 151229090	Crude	8.5 yen/kg	5.67 yen/kg	4.25 yen/kg	2.83 yen/kg	Free (2023)	\$23,529
	Other	8.5 yen/kg	6.61 yen/kg	5.67 yen/kg	4.72 yen/kg	Free (2026)	\$1,342,855
Linseed oil, crude* 151511000		Greater of 5.0% or 5.5 yen/kg	Greater of 3.3% or 3.67 yen/kg	Greater of 2.5% or 2.75 yen/kg	Greater of 1.6% or 1.83 yen/kg	Free (2023)	\$752,828
Margarine, excl. liquid margarine 151710000		29.8%	19.8%	14.9%	9.9%	Free (2023)	\$337,577
Rice bran oil and fractions* 151590420		10.4 yen/kg	8.51 yen/kg	7.56 yen/kg	6.62 yen/kg	Free (2028)	\$213,914
Lard stearin, lard oil, oleostearin, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or otherwise prepared 150300000		4.3%	Free			Free (2019)	\$140,912
Castor oil and its fractions* 151530000		4.5%	Free			Free (2019)	\$27,532
Pig fat (incl. lard, excl. that of heading 02.09 and 15.03) 150110200, 150120200		8.5 yen/kg	5.67 yen/kg	4.25 yen/kg	2.83 yen/kg	Free (2023)	\$24,368
Poultry fats (excl. poultry fat in 02.09) 150190000		6.4%	Free			Free (2019)	\$16,068
Sunflower oil, crude* 151211120, 151211110	Acid value>0.6	8.5 yen/kg	5.67 yen/kg	4.25 yen/kg	2.83 yen/kg	Free (2023)	\$0
	Other	10.4 yen/kg	6.93 yen/kg	5.20 yen/kg	3.47 yen/kg	Free (2023)	\$3,884
Other processed oil and fat (excl. hydrogenated) 151790900		21.3%	14.2%	10.6%	7.1%	Free (2023)	\$11,490,066

*not chemically modified

Market Considerations: Japan’s fat and oil market is price-sensitive. While imports of oilseeds are generally duty-free, oil imports have been subject to special tariffs. Therefore, most oil has been produced from imported oilseeds crushed in Japan. Exceptions include palm, coconut and olive oils which are tariff-free and have seen imports increase over the past 20 years. The growing market share of non-traditional oils reflects growing health consciousness of Japanese consumers. Imports of animal fats have been stable.

Additional Resources: Further details are available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta/.

Attachments:

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