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Report Highlights:

The U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA) has been in effect for 16 months, however the timing of Japan's fiscal year meant that the agreement entered "Year 3" of implementation on April 1, 2021. This report is one in a series of product briefs highlighting the tariff benefits for specific commodities and products from Year 3 (2021) to Year 5 (2023) of the agreement. Additional information is available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta/.

Overview: In 2020, the United States exported \$315 million of fresh fruit to Japan, making Japan the #4 overseas market for U.S. fresh fruit. The United States accounted for 14 percent of Japan’s total fresh fruit imports. The years below correspond to Japan’s fiscal year beginning April 1.

Product Name Japan Customs HS Code		Base Rate	Year 3 (2021)	Year 4 (2022)	Year 5 (2023)	Final Tariff (Year)	2020 Imports from U.S.
Fresh or dried oranges 080510000	Imported Dec 1 - Mar 31	32.0 %	20.4%	15.3%	10.2%	Free (2025)	\$71,264,252
	Imported Apr 1 – May 31	32.0 %	10.6%	5.3%	Free	Free (2023)	
	Imported Jun 1 – Nov 30	16.0 %	5.3%	2.6%	Free		
Fresh cherries (excl. sour cherries) 080929000		8.5%	1.7%	0.8%	Free	Free (2023)	\$40,379,263
Fresh kiwi 081050000		6.4%	Free			Free (2019)	\$13,714,971
Fresh raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, loganberries, currants and gooseberries 081020000, 081030000		6.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$7,207,621
Fresh cranberries, bilberries and other fruits of the genus Vaccinium 081040000		6.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$7,184,811
Fresh peaches, including nectarines 080930000		6.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$1,521,682
Fresh papayas 080720000		2.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$1,065,979
Fresh apples 080810000		17.0 %	8.9%	7.6%	6.3%	Free (2028)	\$541,223
Fresh mangoes 080450011		3.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$110,740
Fresh persimmons 081070000		6.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$83,539
Fresh figs 080420010		6.0%	2.0%	1.0%	Free	Free (2023)	\$23,899
Fresh rambutan, passion fruit, litchi and starfruit 081090210		5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$19,749
“Other” fresh fruit 081090290		6.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$2,191,625

Safeguard: Japan applies a seasonal U.S.-specific safeguard for oranges starting at 26,435 metric tons. The safeguard only applies to products imported between December 1 and March 31. If the safeguard volume is exceeded, tariffs on U.S. orange exports will increase for the remainder of that period. The safeguard tariff is 28% in Years 1-3 and 20% in Years 4-6. The safeguard will be eliminated in Year 7 (2025).

Market Considerations: Japan imports one-third of its fresh fruit, with the United States ranked as the second largest supplier (leading supplier of fresh oranges, lemons, grapes and cherries). The Japanese fresh fruit sector is highly competitive. Opportunities for U.S. fresh fruit exports to Japan are expected to increase due to falling domestic production. Phytosanitary certificates must accompany all fresh fruit imports to Japan. Some fresh fruit varieties do not currently have market access to Japan due to phytosanitary requirements.

Additional Resources: Further information is available at www.usdajapan.org. For additional questions, please contact the USDA Agricultural Trade Office at atotokyo@usda.gov, Tel: 81-3-3224-5115.

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