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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 \$411 million of nuts to Japan, making Japan the #7 overseas market for U.S. nuts. Almonds and walnuts are Japan’s top nut imports from the United States, accounting for over half of Japan’s total nut and nut product imports in 2019. 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.
Almonds (fresh or dried/roasted, no sugar) 080211200, 080212200/200819222	2.4%/5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$258,134,218
Walnuts (shelled, fresh or dried) 080232000	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$133,263,293
Peanuts (shelled, other than seed) 120242091	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$20,255,986
Peanut butter (contain sugar/no sugar) 200811110/200811210	12.0%/10.0%	4.0%/3.3%	2.0%/1.6%	Free	Free (2023)	\$7,621,702
Flour, meal and powder of fruit and nuts (excl. bananas) 110630200	15.0%	5.0%	2.5%	Free	Free (2023)	\$6,125,785
Other nuts (roasted, no sugar) 200819228	5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$4,574,622
Pecans (fresh or dried/roasted, no sugar) 080290300, 200819223	4.5%/5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$4,434,187
Cashew nuts (prep. or preserved, contain sugar) and other roasted nuts (contain sugar) 200819191, 200819192	11.0%	3.6%	1.8%	Free	Free (2023)	\$3,409,946
Ground nuts (excl. peanut butter, prep./preserved, contains sugar) 200811120	23.8%	7.9%	3.9%	Free	Free (2023)	\$2,819,847
Macadamia nuts (fresh/dried, prep./preserved, no sugar) 080262000, 200819221	5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$741,197
Ground nuts (shelled, roasted/prepared or preserved), no sugar 200811292/200811299	21.3%	Free			Free (2019)	\$323,898
Other nuts (prepared or preserved, no sugar) 200819229	12.0%	4.0%	2.0%	Free	Free (2023)	\$320,729
Cashew nuts (prepared or preserved, no sugar) 200819225	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$235,764
Hazelnuts or filberts (shelled, fresh or dried) 080222000	6.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$145,062
Preserved nuts (contain sugar) 200819199	16.8%	5.6%	2.8%	Free	Free (2023)	\$7,072
Coconuts, brazil nuts, paradise nuts and hazelnuts (prepared or preserved, no sugar) 200819224	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$0

Market Considerations: Japan relies on imports for most of its nut consumption. Almonds and walnuts are supplied almost exclusively by the United States. Salted mixed nuts remain a popular snack item in the retail sector while unsalted nuts are gaining in popularity due to perceived health benefits. The United States is the second largest supplier of peanuts to Japan, after China. Under this agreement, U.S peanuts gained an immediate tariff advantage over Chinese peanuts.

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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