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Report Highlights:

The U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA) entered Year 5 of the agreement implementation on April 1, 2023. This report is one in a series of product briefs highlighting the tariff benefits for specific commodities and products from Year 5 (2023) to Year 7 (2025) of the Agreement. Additional information is available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta/.

Overview: In 2022, the United States exported \$433 million of nuts to Japan, making Japan the #9 overseas market for U.S. nuts. Almonds and walnuts are Japan’s top nut imports from the United States. U.S. nut imports accounted for over 40 percent of Japan’s total nut and nut product imports in 2022. The years below correspond to Japan’s fiscal year beginning April 1.

Product Name Japan Customs HS Code	Base Rate	Year 5 (2023)	Year 6 (2024)	Year 7 (2025)	Final Tariff (Year)	2022 Imports from U.S.
Almonds (fresh or dried/roasted, no sugar) 080211200, 080212200/200819222	2.4%/5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$242,737,583
Walnuts (shelled, fresh or dried) 080232000	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$117,415,038
Peanuts (shelled, other than seed) 120242091	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$30,149,663
Flour, meal and powder of fruit and nuts (excl. bananas) 110630200	15.0%	Free			Free (2023)	\$7,250,681
Peanut butter (contain sugar/no sugar) 200811110/200811210	12.0%/10.0%	Free			Free (2023)	\$5,199,598
Other nuts (roasted, no sugar) 200819228	5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$3,389,070
Cashew nuts (prep. or preserved, contain sugar) and other roasted nuts (contain sugar) 200819191, 200819192	11.0%	Free			Free (2023)	\$3,135,480
Ground nuts (excl. peanut butter, prep./preserved, contains sugar) 200811120	23.8%	Free			Free (2023)	\$2,695,003
Macadamia nuts (fresh/dried, prep./preserved, no sugar) 080262000, 200819221	5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$585,189
Pecans (fresh or dried/roasted, no sugar) 080290300, 200819223	4.5%/5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$581,129
Hazelnuts or filberts (shelled, fresh or dried) 080222000	6.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$187,365
Ground nuts (shelled, roasted/prepared or preserved), no sugar 200811292/200811299	21.3%	5.3%	2.6%	Free	Free (2025)	\$136,422
Preserved nuts (contain sugar) 200819199	16.8%	Free			Free (2023)	\$54,945
Cashew nuts (prepared or preserved, no sugar) 200819225	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$12,827
Coconuts, brazil nuts, paradise nuts and hazelnuts (prepared or preserved, no sugar) 200819224	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$12,025
Other nuts (prepared or preserved, no sugar) 200819229	12.0%	Free			Free (2023)	\$8,405

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 shelled peanuts gained an immediate tariff advantage over Chinese peanuts (HS 1202.42.091).

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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