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Report Highlights:

The U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA) entered into force on January 1, 2020. Once USJTA is fully implemented, nearly 90 percent of U.S. food and agricultural products imported into Japan will be duty free or receive preferential tariff access. This is one in a series of reports providing concise overviews of how the agreement affects certain product groups. 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 \$1.6 billion of pork products to Japan, making Japan the #1 overseas market for U.S. pork. The United States accounted for one third of Japan’s total pork imports. 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
Meat (chilled/frozen) above 524 yen/kg 020312/020319/020322/020329-022, 020630/020649-099	4.3%	1.9%	1.7%	1.4%	Free (2027)	\$682,151,582
Meat (chilled/frozen) 524 yen/kg or less 020312-023/-024*/-025*, 020319-023/-024*/-025*, 020322-023/-024*/-025*, 020329-023/-024*/-025*, 020630-093/-094*/-095*, 020649-093/-094*/-095*	Max. 482 yen/kg	Max. 125 yen/kg	Max. 125 yen/kg	Max. 125 yen/kg	Max. 50 yen/kg (2027)	\$566,570,570
Processed pork products (incl. ground seasoned) 160241/160242-090, 160249-290	20%	13.3%	10%	6.6%	Free (2023)	\$373,404,847
Sausage 160100-000	10%	6.6%	5%	3.3%	Free (2023)	\$55,111,122
Offal excl. liver (frozen) 020649-091	8.5%	3.6%	3%	2.4 %	Free (2025)	\$50,498,695
Prepared pork (incl. ham/bacon) >897.59 yen/kg 021011/021012/021019/-020, 021099/160241/160242-019, 160249-220	8.5%	3.7%	3.2%	2.7%	Free (2028)	\$15,182,818
Pig fat 020910-000	6.0%	Free	Free	Free	Free (2019)	\$4,889,856
Prepared pork (incl. ham/bacon) <897.59 yen/kg 021011/021012/021019-010*, 021099/160241/160242-011*, 160249-210*	Max. 614.85 yen/kg	Max. 269.50 yen/kg	Max. 231.13 yen/kg	Mx. 192.75 yen/kg	Free (2028)	\$2,658,544
Offal (chilled) and liver (frozen) 020630-091, 020641-090	8.5%	6.9%	6.1 %	5.4%	Free (2028)	\$81,427
Carcass/half carcass (chilled/frozen) >393 yen/kg 020311/020321-040	4.3%	1.9%	1.7%	1.4 %	Free (2027)	\$0
Carcass/half carcass (chilled/frozen) <393 yen/kg 020311-020/-031*/-032*, 020321-020/-031*/-032*	Max. 361 yen/kg	Max. 93.75 yen/kg	Max. 93.75 yen/kg	Max. 93.75 yen/kg	Max. 37.5 yen/kg (2027)	\$0
Prepared liver products (incl. liver paste) 160220-010	21.3%	18.6%	17.3%	15.9%	Free (2033)	\$0

Note: *actual duty applied varies depending the CIF price of the imported product

Safeguard: The United States will no longer be subject to Japan’s World Trade Organization pork safeguard. Instead, Japan will apply U.S.-specific safeguards for carcasses/half carcasses, meat, and prepared pork products. The safeguard for meat starts at 112% of the highest import volume of the previous three years. If the safeguard volume is surpassed, tariffs on certain U.S. pork exports will increase for the remainder of that year. The safeguard will be eliminated in Year 10 (2028).

Market Considerations: Japan imports around 50 percent of its pork supply. Pork is one of the most popular protein choices for Japanese households and is likely to overtake fish as the most consumed protein within the next few years. Ground seasoned pork (GSP) is a key ingredient for domestic sausage manufacturers. The U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement puts the United States on equal tariff footing with other major pork suppliers like Canada and the European Union.

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

Attachments:

No Attachments.