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**Report Highlights:**

Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) announced that the tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for butter (8,000–10,000 MT) and non-fat dry milk (750 MT) will remain unchanged for Japanese Fiscal Year 2026. Butter demand is expected to remain robust, while NFDM demand continues to be stagnant. MAFF will closely monitor the butter supply in light of production uncertainties. The TRQ levels will also be reviewed in May and September. The Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) will continue to manage the TRQ tenders in accordance with Japan's WTO commitments.

On January 30, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) announced that the butter tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for Japanese Fiscal Year 2026 (JFY, April 2026–March 2027) will remain between 8,000 to 10,000 metric tons (MT), consistent with the level set for JFY2025. The TRQ for non-fat dry milk (NFDM) will also remain unchanged at 750 MT.

MAFF noted that demand for butter is expected to remain strong, particularly among food manufacturers, while demand for NFDM is projected to remain flat for JFY2026. However, MAFF also indicated that butter production forecasts are uncertain, warranting close monitoring of the supply. The TRQ levels will be reviewed again in May and September.

In adherence to Japan's World Trade Organization commitments, the Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) manages the designated dairy product TRQs. ALIC also conducts monthly tenders for butter and ad hoc tenders for NFDM.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.