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Japan Announces Dairy TRQs for JFY 2019

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Report Highlights:

On April 1, Japan announced tariff-rate quota volumes for dairy products that will be open during Japanese fiscal year 2019 (April-March). The announcement includes quotas for natural cheese for processing, skimmed milk powder, evaporated milk, butter and butteroil, and certain whey products.

General Information:

On April 1, 2019, Japan’s Ministry of Finance announced tariff-rate quota (TRQ) volumes for dairy products that will be in effect during Japan fiscal year 2019 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020). See Table 1 for the list of TRQs. These TRQs are operated by Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) and are separate from the dairy TRQs operated by the Animal and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) which were announced January 30 (see [JA9019](#)).

For the natural cheese for processed cheese production TRQ, each applicant (within Japan) is allowed to import natural cheese duty-free up to 2.5 times the volume of domestic cheese it uses for the production of processed cheese.

The TRQ for “other dairy products” is calculated on a whole milk equivalent basis. Volumes are calculated by multiplying the fat content of the product by 15.12 and the non-fat solid content of the product by 6.59.

Table 1: Japan Dairy TRQs for JFY 2019 Operated by MAFF

Product	TRQ Volume (metric tons)	Note
Natural cheese for processed cheese production	46,200 MT	Pooled quota of natural cheese for processed cheese
Other dairy products	133,940 MT (whole milk equivalent basis)	Includes certain products within HS 0401.10 0401.20 0401.40 0401.50 0401.50 0403.10 0403.90 0404.90 1806.20 1806.90 1901.10 1901.20 1901.90 2101.12 2101.20 2106.10 2106.90
Skimmed milk powder (for school lunch)	7,264 MT	
Skimmed milk powder (for other purposes)	74,973 MT subdivided into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assorted feed production: 73,822 MT Reconstituted milk production for Okinawa: 1,022 MT Infant formula production for Okinawa: 129 MT 	
Evaporated milk	1,500 MT	Pooled quota for certain products within HS 0402.91
Mineral concentrated whey	14,000 MT	
Whey and modified whey (for feeding purposes)	45,000 MT	
Prepared whey (for infant formula)	25,000 MT	Pooled quota of whey etc. used for prepared milk powder for babies and infants

Butter and butteroil	Total 581 MT subdivided into: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconstituted milk production for Okinawa: 315 MT• Powdered infant formula production for Okinawa: 11 MT• International flight use: 94 MT• International trade fair use: 161 MT	
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Source: Japan Ministry of Finance