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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 over \$30 million of oil and non-dairy fat products to Japan, making Japan the #21 overseas market. The United States accounted for over two percent of Japan's total imports of edible non-dairy fats and oils. 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.
Other processed oil and fat (excl. hydrogenated) 151790900		21.3%	Free		Free (2023)	\$11,377,578	
Safflower oil, crude* 151211210, 151211220	Acid value>0.6	8.5 yen/kg	Free		Free (2019)	\$6,778,436	
	Other	10.4 yen/kg	Free			Free (2023)	\$0
Soybean oil, crude* 150710100 150710200	Acid value>0.6	10.9 yen/kg	Free			Free (2023)	\$1,752,349
	Other	13.2 yen/kg	Free			Free (2023)	\$235,675
Linseed oil, crude* 151511000		Greater of 5.0% or 5.5 yen/kg	Free			Free (2023)	\$491,097
Margarine, excl. liquid margarine 151710000		29.8%	Free		Free (2023)	\$384,642	
Lard stearin, lard oil, oleostearin, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or otherwise prepared 150300000		4.3%	Free		Free (2019)	\$107,417	
Pig fat (incl. lard, excl. that of heading 02.09 and 15.03) 150110200, 150120200		8.5 yen/kg	Free		Free (2023)	\$38,511	
Castor oil and its fractions* 151530000		4.5%	Free			Free (2019)	\$19,309
Poultry fats (excl. poultry fat in 02.09) 150190000		6.4%	Free			Free (2019)	\$15,987
Sunflower oil, crude* 151211110, 151211120	Acid value>0.6	8.5 yen/kg	Free		Free (2023)	\$0	
	Other	10.4 yen/kg	Free		Free (2023)	\$4,095	
Cottonseed oil and its	Crude	8.5 yen/kg		Free		Free (2023)	\$0
fractions* 151221090 151229090	Other	8.5 yen/kg	2.83 yen/kg	1.89 yen/kg	0.94 yen/kg	Free (2026)	\$0
Rice bran oil and fractions* 151590420		10.4 yen/kg	4.73 yen/kg	3.78 yen/kg	2.84 yen/kg	Free (2028)	\$0

\*not chemically modified

Source: Trade Data Monitor, Japan Customs

**Market Considerations:** Japan's fat and oil market is price-driven. While imports of oilseeds are generally duty-free, oil imports have been subject to special tariffs. Therefore, most vegetable oil has been produced from imported oilseeds crushed in Japan. Exceptions include palm, coconut and olive oils which are tariff-free and have seen imports increase over the past 20 years. The growing market share of non-traditional vegetable oils reflects growing health consciousness of Japanese consumers. Imports of animal fats have been stable.

**Additional Resources:** Further information is available at <a href="www.usdajapan.org">www.usdajapan.org</a>. For additional questions, please contact the USDA Agricultural Trade Office at <a href="atotokyo@usda.gov">atotokyo@usda.gov</a>, Tel: 81-3-3224-5115.

## **Attachments:**

No Attachments.