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Report Highlights:

The U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA) has been in effect for 16 months, however the timing of Japan's fiscal year meant that the agreement entered "Year 3" of implementation on April 1, 2021. This report is one in a series of product briefs highlighting the tariff benefits for specific commodities and products from Year 3 (2021) to Year 5 (2023) of the agreement. Additional information is available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta/.

Overview: In 2020, the United States exported \$1.6 billion of pork products to Japan, making Japan the #2 overseas market for U.S. pork. The United States accounted for one third of Japan’s total pork imports. Under the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement, the United States obtained tariff treatment for pork equal to the countries in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. The years below correspond to Japan’s fiscal year beginning April 1.

Product Name Japan Customs HS Code	Base Rate	Year 3 (2021)	Year 4 (2022)	Year 5 (2023)	Final Tariff (Year)	2020 Imports from U.S.
Meat (chilled/frozen) above 524 yen/kg 020312/020319/020322/020329-022, 020630/020649-099	4.3%	1.4%	1.2%	0.9%	Free (2027)	\$731,735,879
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. 70 yen/kg	Max. 66 yen/kg	Max. 50 yen/kg (2027)	\$517,094,944
Processed pork products (incl. ground seasoned pork) 160241/160242-090, 160249-290	20%	6.6%	3.3%	Free	Free (2023)	\$422,685,730
Sausage 160100-000	10%	3.3%	1.6%	Free	Free (2023)	\$44,924,714
Offal excl. liver (frozen) 020649-091	8.5%	2.4%	1.8%	1.2%	Free (2025)	\$42,766,494
Prepared pork (incl. ham/bacon) above 897.59 yen/kg 021011/021012/021019/-020, 021099/160241/160242-019, 160249-220	8.5%	2.7%	2.2%	1.8%	Free (2028)	\$22,841,327
Pig fat 020910-000	6.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$5,962,712
Prepared pork (incl. ham/bacon) 897.59 yen/kg or less 021011/021012/021019-010*, 021099/160241/160242-011*, 160249-210*	Max. 614.85 yen/kg	Mx. 192.75 yen/kg	Max. 154.38 yen/kg	Max. 128.65 yen/kg	Free (2028)	\$2,109,441
Offal (chilled) and liver (frozen) 020630-091, 020641-090	8.5%	5.4%	4.6%	3.8%	Free (2028)	\$50,864
Carcass/half carcass (chilled/frozen) above 393 yen/kg 020311/020321-040	4.3%	1.4%	1.2%	0.9%	Free (2027)	\$0
Carcass/half carcass (chilled/frozen) 393 yen/kg or less 020311-020/-031*/-032*, 020321-020/-031*/-032*	Max. 361 yen/kg	Max. 93.75 yen/kg	Max. 52.50 yen/kg	Max. 49.50 yen/kg	Max. 37.5 yen/kg (2027)	n/a
Prepared liver products (incl. liver paste) 160220-010	21.3%	15.9%	14.6%	13.3%	Free (2033)	\$0

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

Safeguard: Under the agreement, Japan applies U.S.-specific safeguards for carcasses/half carcasses, meat, and prepared pork products. The safeguard for meat started 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 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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