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Report Highlights:

The U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA) has been in effect for 17 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 nearly \$14 million of pulses, to Japan, making Japan the #20 overseas market. The United States accounted for nine percent of Japan’s total imports of pulses. 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.
Dried peas, shelled* 071310221	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$6,370,245
Dried kidney beans, shelled* 071333221	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$2,695,399
Dried chickpeas, shelled, excl. rendered for sowing by chemical treatment 071320020	8.5%		Free		Free (2019)	\$927,046
Dried azuki beans*, shelled 071332010	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$329,365
Dried broad beans and horse beans** 071350210	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$327,895
Dried lentils, shelled, excl. rendered for sowing by chemical treatment 071340020	8.5%		Free		Free (2019)	\$287,857
Dried kidney beans**, shelled 071333210	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$96,640
Dried cow peas*, shelled 071335291	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$41,337
Dried cow peas**, shelled 071335210	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$0
Dried peas**, shelled 071310211	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$0
Other beans*, excl. <i>Phaseolus calcaratus</i> 071339226	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$3,549,024

*Within WTO pooled quota, excluding those rendered suitable solely for sowing by chemical treatment

**Certified as planting seeds under a Cabinet Order

Market Considerations: Japan maintains a tariff-rate quota under the World Trade Organization (WTO) for dried leguminous vegetables including adzuki, kidney beans, peas, and other pulses. The United States is the fourth largest supplier of pulses to Japan after China, Myanmar, and Canada. About 60 percent of beans in Japan are used for sweet bean paste primarily as a filling for traditional desserts and pastries. While demand for bean paste has been stagnant, non-traditional use of pulses, such as chickpeas and lentils, in salads, soups and hummus is on the rise.

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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