

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification concerning the administration of tariff quotas (**Table MA:1**) for the fiscal year **2002** was received from the delegation of **Japan** on 5 June 2003.

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This notification sets out modifications to G/AG/N/JPN/1/Add.1, G/AG/N/JPN/8/Add.1, G/AG/N/JPN/23/Add.2 and G/AG/N/JPN/57/Add.1 dated 27 June 2001.

Table MA:1

**MARKET ACCESS: Japan****REPORTING PERIOD: Fiscal year 2002***Implementation of market access opportunities: tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description	Description of import arrangement applicable
1	2	3
Evaporated milk	0402.91.121 0402.91.210	<p>(a) <u>Allocation of quotas to supplying countries</u>: Global base.</p> <p>(b) <u>Allocation of licenses or of access to quotas to importers</u>:</p> <p>(i) Competent authority: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)</p> <p>(ii) Eligibility requirements for applicants: Applicants must fall under one of the following:</p> <p>(1) Applicants must be importers and sellers/users of evaporated milk in Okinawa prefecture and must also have a record of imports of commodities classified in Sections 1 to 4 of the Customs Tariff Schedules of Japan in the previous fiscal year.</p> <p>(2) Applicants must be producers and sellers of products using evaporated milk as a raw material in Okinawa prefecture.</p> <p>(3) Applicants must be producers of products using evaporated milk as a raw material.</p> <p>(iii) The quotas for (1) and (2) above are allocated taking the factors, such as annual amount of imports and sales in the previous year, planned annual amount of use in the current year, into account. The quota for (3) above is allocated taking the factors, such as annual production of the end products and amount of the stock in the previous year, planned annual production of the end products in the current year, into account.</p> <p>(iv) Allocations are made up to a maximum of 6 times a fiscal year, and are valid until the end of that year. Quantity that is returned without using is added to the quantity that is not allocated and redistributed. Applicants who wish to obtain allocations twice or more a fiscal year shall submit a document stating the reason for their need to do so.</p> <p>(c) <u>Details of other arrangements</u>: Not applicable. If the total quantity of quota returned and quota not allocated is 1 MT or more, that quantity will be redistributed for the category (1), (2) and (3) with its validity period by the end of the fiscal year concerned.</p> <p>(d) <u>Other information</u>: Sources of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decree-law by the Cabinet on TRQ Administration</li> <li>- Decree-law by MAFF on TRQ Administration on Various Products such as Maize</li> <li>- Bulletin on TRQ Administration announced by the Director-General of General Food Policy Bureau, MAFF: No.11</li> <li>- METI Official Bulletin</li> <li>- JETRO Daily Tsusho <i>Koho</i></li> </ul>

Description of products	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description	Description of import arrangement applicable
1	2	3
Butter and butter oil	0405.10.121 0405.10.221 0405.90.221	<p>(a) <u>Allocation of quotas to supplying countries</u>: Global base.</p> <p>(b) <u>Allocation of licenses or of access to quotas to importers</u>:</p> <p>(i) Competent authority: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)</p> <p>(ii) Eligibility requirements for applicants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For use to produce recombined milk in Okinawa prefecture Applicants must have record of production of recombined milk in plants in Okinawa prefecture in the previous year and must produce recombined milk for consumption in the prefecture.</li> <li>For use to produce prepared milk powder for infant formula in Okinawa prefecture Applicants must be producers of prepared milk powder which must be sold in Okinawa prefecture for consumption by infants in the prefecture and/or by those who are designated by the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.</li> <li>For international airlines' in-flight use Applicants must be providers of catering services for international flights from and to Japan, and must be providers of butter and butter oil for international airlines in the current fiscal year.</li> <li>For use at international trade fairs Applicants must have assured intention to exhibit and sell butter and butter oil at international trade fairs in Japan, and must be certified as scheduled exhibitors by embassy of respective country, and must be approved by the Director General of Agricultural Production Bureau, MAFF, as appropriate applicants.</li> </ol> <p>(iii) The quota is allocated taking account of the factors such as annual production of the end products, usage of butter and butter oil and amount of the stock in the previous year, planned annual usage of butter and butter oil in the current year.</p> <p>(iv) Allocations are made up to a maximum of 6 times a fiscal year, and are valid until the end of that year. Applicants who wish to obtain allocations twice or more a fiscal year shall submit a document stating the reason for their need to do so.</p> <p>(c) <u>Details of other arrangements</u>: Not applicable.</p> <p>(d) <u>Other information</u>: Sources of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decree-law by the Cabinet on TRQ Administration</li> <li>- Decree-law by MAFF on TRQ Administration on Various Products such as Maize</li> <li>- Bulletin on TRQ Administration announced by the Director-General of Food Policy Bureau, MAFF: No.15</li> <li>- METI Official Bulletin</li> <li>- JETRO Daily <i>Tsusho Koho</i></li> </ul>

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1	2		3
Other dairy products for general use	0401.10.110	1806.20.311	(a) <u>Allocation of quotas to supplying countries</u> : Global base.
	0401.20.110	1806.90.311	(b) <u>Allocation of licenses or of access to quotas to importers</u> :  (i) Competent authority: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)  (ii) Eligibility requirements for applicants: Applicants must fall under one of the following: (1) Applicants must have import records of "other dairy products for general use" through tariff quota system. Import records made under categories (3) and/or (4) must not be qualified. (2) Applicants must be buyers and users of "other dairy product for general use". (3) Applicants must have assured intention to produce ice-cream in the current fiscal year, and must have their own manufacturing plants for ice-cream and must also be approved as appropriate applicants by the Director General of Agricultural Production Bureau, MAFF. (4) Applicants must be importers and sellers/users of "other dairy products for general use" in the current fiscal year and must also have a record of imports of commodities classified in Sections 1 to 4 of the Customs Tariff Schedules of Japan in the previous fiscal year. (5) Applicants must be allocated the quota for categories (1), (2) and /or (3) in the current fiscal year and must have assured intention to import the whole quantity allocated.  (iii) The quota for the category (1) is allocated taking the factors, such as annual amount of allocation, imports, production and stock in the previous fiscal year, into account. The quota for the category (2) is allocated taking the factors, such as annual amount of purchase, production and stock in the previous fiscal year, into account. The quota for the category (3) is allocated taking the factors, such as production records in the previous fiscal year and production plan in the current fiscal year, into account. Quota allocation for the category (4) is made first-come, first-served basis.  The quota for the category (5) is allocated taking the factors, such as annual amount of allocation, imports, production and stock in the previous fiscal year and imports in the current fiscal year, into account.  (iv) Allocations are made once a fiscal year, and are valid until the end of that year.
	0401.30.111	1901.10.111	
	0401.30.121	1901.10.121	
	0403.10.110	1901.20.111	
	0403.10.120	1901.20.116	
	0403.90.116	1901.90.131	
	0403.90.117	1901.90.136	
	0403.90.126	2101.12.231	
	0403.90.127	2101.12.236	
	0403.90.136	2101.20.231	
	0403.90.137	2101.20.236	
	0404.90.111	2106.10.120	
	0404.90.117	2106.10.130	
	0404.90.121	2106.90.111	
	0404.90.127	2106.90.112	
	0404.90.131	2106.90.124	
	0404.90.137	2106.90.125	

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Other dairy products for general use (cont'd)		<p>(c) <u>Details of other arrangements</u>: Not applicable. If the total quantity of quota returned and the quota not allocated is 300 tonnes or more in whole milk equivalent, that quantity will be redistributed for the category (5) with its validity period by the end of the fiscal year concerned.</p> <p>(d) <u>Other information</u>: Sources of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decree-law by the Cabinet on TRQ Administration</li> <li>- Decree-law by MAFF on TRQ Administration on Various Products such as Maize</li> <li>- Bulletin on TRQ Administration announced by the Director-General of Food Policy Bureau, MAFF: No.8</li> <li>- METI Official Bulletin</li> <li>- JETRO Daily <i>Tsusho Koho</i></li> </ul>