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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 6 September 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of **Japan**. The notification concerns the administration of tariff quotas (**Table MA:1**) for the fiscal year **2004**.

Table MA:1

MARKET ACCESS: Japan**REPORTING PERIOD: Fiscal year 2004***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
(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the schedule)	(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	
1	2	3
Ground-nuts	1202.10.091 1202.20.091	<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> <p>1. For general use</p> <p>(1) Applicants must have import records of ground nuts through tariff quota system in the second half of the previous fiscal year, and have assured intention to import ground nuts, and be approved by the Director-General of Agricultural Production Bureau, MAFF, as appropriate applicants.</p> <p>(2) Other applicants who do not meet above criteria must fulfill all of the requirements described below, and also be approved by the Director-General of Agricultural Production Bureau, MAFF, as appropriate applicants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have import records of at least 0.1 million US dollars of commodities classified in Section 1 to 4 of the Customs Tariff Schedules in both of the preceding two years; or have at least 10 million yen of capital in the case of corporations. - have sales records of at least 200 MT of ground nuts in the domestic market in both of the preceding two years. - have assured intention to import ground nuts. <p>2. For use in Okinawa prefecture</p> <p>(1) Applicants must have import records of ground nuts through tariff quota system in the second half of the previous fiscal year, and have assured intention to import ground nuts to Okinawa prefecture and to sell them within the prefecture for consumption.</p> <p>(2) Other applicants who do not meet above criteria must have import records of at least 0.01 million US dollars of commodities classified in Section 1 to 4 of the Customs Tariff Schedules in both of the preceding two years, and have assured intention to import ground nuts to Okinawa prefecture and to sell them within the prefecture for consumption</p>

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Ground-nuts		<p>(iii) The quota is allocated taking account of the factors such as amount of usage in the previous period and planned usage in the current period.</p> <p>(iv) Allocations are made twice 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.</p> <p>(c) <u>Details of other arrangements</u>: Not applicable.</p> <p>(d) <u>Other information</u>: Sources of information: - Decree-law by the Cabinet on TRQ Administration - Decree-law by MAFF on TRQ Administration on Various Products such as Maize - Bulletin on TRQ Administration announced by MAFF: No.18 - METI Official Bulletin - JETRO Daily <i>Tsusho Koho</i></p>

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Tubers of konnyaku	1212.99.110	<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> <p>1. For use in Okinawa prefecture Applicants must have facilities to produce konnyaku or konnyaku flour in Okinawa prefecture in the day which submit a tariff quota application, and have assured intention to use tubers of konnyaku imported to Okinawa prefecture for consumption within the prefecture.</p> <p>2. For use in other areas Applicants must be organizations composed of producers' organizations, raw material suppliers' organizations and processors' organizations.</p> <p>(iii) The quota is allocated taking account of the factors such as annual amount of usage in previous years, and planned annual amount of usage and sales.</p> <p>(iv) Allocations are made up to a maximum of 3 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.</p> <p>(d) <u>Other information</u>:</p> <p>Sources of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decree-law by the Cabinet on TRQ Administration - Decree-law by MAFF on TRQ Administration on Various Products such as Maize - Bulletin on TRQ Administration announced by MAFF: No.19 - METI Official Bulletin - JETRO Daily <i>Tsusho Koho</i>

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Silk-worm cocoons	5001.00.010	<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 be raw silk reelers, floss-silk manufacturers, or organizations composed of such reelers and/or manufacturers.</p> <p>(iii) The quota is allocated taking account of the factors such as previous records of purchases/usages of silk-worm cocoons, and planned annual usage in the current fiscal year.</p> <p>(iv) Allocations are made up to a maximum of 3 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.</p> <p>(d) <u>Other information</u>: Sources of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decree-law by the Cabinet on TRQ Administration - Decree-law by MAFF on TRQ Administration on Various Products such as Maize - Bulletin on TRQ Administration announced by MAFF: No.21 - METI Official Bulletin - JETRO Daily <i>Tsusho Koho</i>