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Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQs)

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1.1 Tariff rate quotas (TRQs)

TRQs are applicable on certain products. These are *specific volumes of goods*, which will be entitled to preferential tariff treatment in a given timeframe

- there are twenty-five Japanese agri-food products with tariff rate quotas
- [tariff rate quotas of Japan](#)
- [The Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries \(MAFF\)](#) provides information on the TRQ application and allocation, for each tariff line, such as sugar, wheat products, dairy products, and other foods (including confectionaries and certain chocolates) under the EU-Japan EPA (Japanese)

1.2 Dairy products

The allocation of TRQs and collection of levies are done by the Agriculture & Livestock Industries Cooperation (ALIC). Importation of designated dairy products (e.g., butter and whey) within the tariff quota are subject to a state trading system.

Information by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF)

- [Importation of dairy products under the EU-Japan EPA](#) (Japanese)
- [TRQ application and allocation for each tariff line including dairy products](#) (Japanese)

Information by the Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC)

The following information is basically concerning the WTO TRQs, while some of the information is relevant to import procedures under EU-Japan EPA (Japanese).

- [Description of the import system](#)
- [Current access imports](#)
- [General imports](#)

Information sheets by the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation (EU Business in Japan)

- [EU-Japan EPA Factsheet—Dairy Products \(English\)](#)
- [Dairy in Japan—An Analysis of the Current Market and its Opportunities for European SMEs \(2018, English\)](#)
- [EU-Japan EPA Factsheet—Processed Agricultural Products \(PAPs\) \(2019, English\)](#)

1.3 Marine products

Some marine products are subject to import quotas and the importers are obliged to apply. For instance, this is the case for: Nishin (*Clupea* spp.), Tara (*Gadus* spp., *Theragra* spp. or *Merluccius* spp.), Buri (*Seriola* spp.), Saba (*Scomber* spp.), Iwashi (*Etrumeus* spp., *Sardinops* spp. or *Engraulis* spp.), Aji (*Trachurus* spp. or *Decapterus* spp.) and Samma (*Cololabis* spp.) whether live, fresh or chilled, scallops, adductors of shellfish and seaweeds

- [Public Announcement](#) on the Items of Goods Subject to Import Quotas, the Places of Origin or Places of Shipment of Goods Requiring Approval for Import, and Other Necessary Matters Concerning Import of Goods (METI, Japanese)
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The [latest text](#) is available only in Japanese.
- [Guidance of Import Quotas for marine products](#) (METI, Japanese)
- [Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act](#) (English)
 - The English translation at the above link is outdated. The [latest text](#) is available only in Japanese.
- [Import Trade Control Order](#) (English and Japanese)