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Report Highlights:

On May 26, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries affirmed that it would maintain the tariff-rate quota volumes for butter at 8,000 MT and non-fat dry milk (NFDM) at 750 MT for Japanese fiscal year 2023, in line with its previous announcement in January.

General Information

On May 26, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) announced that the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) volumes for butter and non-fat dry milk (NFDM) for Japanese Fiscal Year 2023 (April 2023-March 2024) would remain at the level announced on January 27, 2023 ([JA2023-0032](#)). Following MAFF's review of current demand and production trends of both butter and NFDM in JFY 2023, MAFF set the TRQ volumes at 8,000 metric tons (MT) for butter and 750 MT for NFDM.

MAFF indicated that butter and NFDM stocks are lower than in 2022 due to increased butter consumption, as inbound tourism and foodservice demand recover after the lifting of pandemic restrictions. MAFF also noted that its programs to draw down NFDM stocks were effective. As of March 31, butter stocks were 28,831 MT, down 10,743 MT compared to 2022. NFDM stocks were 64,392 MT, down 33,303 MT from 2022.

In accordance with Japan's commitments to the World Trade Organization, Japan's Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) manages the designated dairy products TRQ. ALIC awards butter tenders monthly and NFDM tenders on an ad hoc basis.

Attachments:

No Attachments.