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Report Highlights:

This is one in a series of reports providing concise overviews of how the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA), which entered into force on January 1, 2020, affects certain product groups. Once USJTA is fully implemented, nearly 90 percent of all U.S. food and agricultural products imported into Japan will be duty free or receive preferential tariff access. Please note that the information provided is not fully comprehensive and additional details may be found in the agreement text itself. Additional information is available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta.

Overview: In 2018, the United States exported nearly \$16 million of pulses, to Japan, making Japan the #12 overseas market. The United States accounted for nearly 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 1 (2019)	Year 2 (2020)	Year 3 (2021)	Final Tariff (Year)	2018 Imports
Dried peas, shelled (other)* 071310221	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$4,791,157
Dried kidney beans, shelled (other)* 071333221	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$2,258,106
Dried chickpeas, shelled, excl. rendered for sowing by chemical treatment 071320020	8.5%		Free		Free (2019)	\$1,123,871
Dried azuki beans, shelled, in WTO quota* 071332010	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$1,058,109
Dried lentils, shelled, excl. rendered for sowing by chemical treatment 071340020	8.5%		Free		Free (2019)	\$265,579
Dried broad beans and horse beans** 071350210	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$224,968
Dried kidney beans, shelled** 071333210	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$144,726
Dried cow peas, shelled* 071335291	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$45,514
Dried peas, shelled** 071310211	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$29,193
Dried cow peas, shelled** 071335210	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$0
“Other” beans, excl. ricebeans* 071339226	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$5,556,334
*Within WTO quota, excluding those rendered suitable solely for sowing by chemical treatment						
**Certified as seeds for the sowing of vegetables under Cabinet Order						

Market Considerations: Japan maintains a tariff-rate quota under the World Trade Organization (WTO) for dried leguminous vegetables including adzuki, kidney, white pea, and other beans. 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 increasing among consumers.

Additional Resources: Further details are available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta/.

Attachments:

No Attachments.