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JAPAN: MARKET IMPROVEMENT MEASURES CONCERNING IMPORTS OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The following notification has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan for circulation to contracting parties.

1. The Government of Japan will implement market access improvement measures concerning imports of certain agricultural products as indicated below, subject to necessary domestic procedures. These measures are taken in addition to the market-opening measures concerning imports of certain agricultural products (notified to the GATT through L/6389) which were implemented following the recommendations of the Panel Report on "Japan - Restrictions on imports of certain agricultural products" (L/6253).

These measures are to be implemented autonomously by the Government of Japan on an MFN basis.

The Government of Japan hereby notifies these measures to the GATT secretariat with a view to ensuring transparency.

2. The additional market access improvement measures are as follows:

A. Import access in the import allocation system

The Government of Japan will increase import access for dairy products and will provide minimum import access for dried leguminous vegetables etc. as follows:

(1) Dairy Products

<u>Products</u>	<u>JFY</u>	<u>Access (MT)</u>
(a) Prepared whey for infant formula (HS Code 0404ex)	1992 1993 1994	21,000 23,000 25,000
(b) Whey powder for animal feed (HS Code 0404ex)	1992 1993 1994	39,000 42,000 45,000
(c) Mineral concentrated whey (HS Code 0404ex)	1992 1993 1994	10,000 12,000 14,000
(d) Other dairy- based products (HS Code 0401ex, 0402ex, 0403ex, 0404ex, 1901ex, 2101ex, 2106ex)	1992 1993 1994	91,000* 101,000* 111,000*

* Whole milk equivalent

(2) Dried Leguminous Vegetables (HS Code 0713ex)

JFY 1992	120,000 MT
JFY 1993	120,000 MT
JFY 1994	120,000 MT

(3) Starch and Inulin (HS Code 1108)

JFY 1992	150,000 MT
JFY 1993	150,000 MT
JFY 1994	150,000 MT

(4) Groundnuts (HS Code 1202ex)

JFY 1992	75,000 MT
JFY 1993	75,000 MT
JFY 1994	75,000 MT

B. Reduction of tariffs

The Government of Japan will reduce the tariff rates on the following items by 1 April 1993, subject to necessary domestic procedures.

<u>HS Code</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
1104.23ex	Other worked grains of maize for corn flakes	25%	16.2%
1105.20	Flakes of potatoes	25%	20%

C. The operation of a tariff quota system concerning corn for industrial use

The Government of Japan will improve the operation of a tariff quota system concerning corn for industrial use as follows:

<u>JFY</u>	<u>TO for</u> <u>Industrial Use</u> <u>(TMT)</u>		<u>Blending</u> <u>Ratio</u>	<u>Secondary</u> <u>Tariff</u>
	<u>Ordinary</u> <u>Use</u>	<u>New Use</u>		
1992	3,550	30	10.0:1	50% or ¥12/kg., whichever is greater
1993	3,650	66	10.5:1	50% or ¥12/kg., whichever is greater
1994	3,750	102	11.0:1	50% or ¥12/kg., whichever is greater

3. The measures indicated above will not provide the basis for refraining from the application of measures pursuant to Uruguay Round commitments to the relevant agricultural products.