

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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JAPAN - TARIFF CHANGES IN FISCAL YEAR 1984

The following communication, dated 18 April 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

The Japanese tariff changes in FY 1984 consist of a total number of items of 1,327 on which tariff rates are reduced or eliminated and amendments to the GSP scheme which were included in Comprehensive Economic Measures announced in October 1983.

These tariff changes become effective as from 1 April 1984. The outline of the tariff changes is as follows:

1. Advanced tariff reductions on industrial products agreed upon in the MTN Tokyo Round (1,280 items)

(1) With respect to the scheduled tariff reductions on industrial products agreed upon in the MTN Tokyo Round, it is recommended that the remaining three-year cuts be accelerated in FY 1984 and FY 1985 and that the one-year advanced cut be implemented in FY 1984.

(2) Concrete measures to be taken in FY 1985 will be decided, taking into account the advanced implementation of MTN tariff reductions in the major industrialized countries.

2. Amendments to the GSP scheme

(1) Increase in the total ceiling quotas for industrial products. Total ceiling quotas for industrial products have been increased by about 55 per cent (FY 1984 ¥ 1,220 billion, US\$5.2 billion; FY 1983 ¥ 785 billion, US\$3.3 billion) through amendment of the calculation formula on ceilings as mentioned below:

(a) Regarding those items which are considered to involve no particular difficulties on the part of the domestic industries concerned, the calculation formula on the ceiling quotas is to be revised to the "CY 1982 basic formula".

¹The list of these items is available for consultation in the secretariat (Ms. Y. Davel, Tariff Division, office 1025, ext. 2156).

(b) Regarding those items on which the application of the "CY 1982 basic formula" entails difficulties, one of the following formulae is to be applied depending on the situation of the domestic industries concerned.

(i) $\frac{\text{Ceiling quota of the previous FY}}{\text{specified rate}} + \frac{\text{ceiling quota of the previous FY}}{\text{specified rate}}$

(ii) $\frac{\text{Ceiling quota of the previous FY}}{\text{specified rate}} + \frac{\text{ceiling quota of the previous FY}}{\text{specified rate}} \times \frac{1}{2}$

(iii) $\frac{\text{Ceiling quota of the previous FY}}{\text{specified rate}}$

However, as a temporary measure, ceiling quotas for FY 1984 are to be set at the levels of 1.5, 1.3 or 1.1 times of the ceiling quotas for FY 1983.

(2) Measure to extend the benefits of GSP to more developing countries. In order to extend the benefits of GSP to a greater number of developing countries, the "maximum country amount" is revised to be one third of the ceiling quota instead of one half of the ceiling quota. However, the revised level of the "maximum country amount" is to be not lower than one half of the ceiling quota in FY 1983 with respect to each item.

(3) Revision of Special Measures for the Least-Developed Countries.

(a) With respect to woven fabrics of jute (CCCN tariff heading No. 57.10), a special tariff rate for LLDCs (free) is to be established. However, the administration of ceiling is to be continued.

(b) Twine, cordage, ropes and cables (CCCN tariff heading No. 59.04.1-4) and sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods (CCCN tariff heading No. 62.03), which have so far been exempted from the special treatment for LLDCs, are to be subject to the special treatment, i.e. to be imported without restriction of the ceiling).

¹"Specified rate" is to be stipulated by a cabinet order and is in any case to be not more than 6 per cent.

3. Tariff reductions on specific items (47 items)

Tariff reductions on specific items listed below are to be reduced as a market opening measure.

<u>Tariff Item</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Rate</u>
02.02ex	Fowls (excluding legs with bone in)	20	18
03.02-1ex	Hard roes of salmon (salted, dried, etc.)	5.9	5
03.02-2(1)ex	Salmon (salted, dried, etc.)	15	12
03.03-2(1)ex	Crabs (live, fresh (dead), chilled or frozen)	7.5	6
08.01-1(1)	Bananas (fresh) (Apr-Sept (Oct-Mar	(25(GSP) (40(GSP)	17.5(GSP) 35 (GSP)
15.07-8ex	Palm oil	4(GSP)	3 (GSP)
28.04-2(2)ex	Silicon (containing less than 99.99% by weight of silicon, calculated on the dry weight)	5.3	free
33.06-1	Perfumed water including eau de Cologne and the like	9.5	6.6
38.19-5(3)ex	Catalysts (for motor vehicles)	2.5	1.9
44.18-1	Particle board (in sheets or in boards)	13.1	12
44.18-2	Particle board (other)	11.9	10
48.01-2(3)ex	Sack kraft paper (wrapping paper)	11.8	9.3
48.07-1(1)	Paper and paperboard (weighing not more than 300 g/m ²) ruled, lined or squared	4.9	4.2
48.07-1(2)	Paperboard (other), ruled, lined or squared	3.5	3.2
48.07-2(1)	Art paper	7.5	7.2
48.07-2(2)	Tracing paper	4.9	4.2
48.07-2(3)	Paraffined paper and waxed paper	3.4	3.1

<u>Tariff Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
48.07-2(4)	Oiled paper	3.4	3.1
48.07-2(5)	Lithographic paper	5.3	4.9
48.07-2(6)	Carbon paper	4.9	4.2
48.07-2(7)	Tarred paper	3.4	3.1
48.07-2(8)	Paper and paperboard coated with an adhesive	5.3	4.9
48.07-2(9)ex	Paper and paperboard, bituminised or asphalted and baryta paper	6.6	5.8
48.07-2(9)ex	Printing paper, etc. (weighing more than 30 g/m ² but not more than 300 g/m ²)	6.2	5.1
57.10	Woven fabrics of jute	8(GSP)	free (LLDC)
61.05-1	Handkerchiefs (of flax or ramie)	12.7	12
84.08-1(2)ex	Gas turbines excluding those for marine	6	free
84.08-2(2)ex	Parts of gas turbines ex- cluding those for marine	4.9	free
84.19-2	Filling machines equipped with forming devices for containers, packing or wrapping machines, etc. and parts thereof	5.3	4.9
84.23-2ex	Parts of excavators	4.5	3.6
84.23-2ex	Parts of dredging machines	4.9	4.2
84.23-3ex	Parts of levelling etc. machinery, pile-drivers etc.	4.5	3.6
84.25ex	Combines (excluding Japanese type and other small type)	6	exempted

<u>Tariff Item</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Rate</u>
84.50ex	Gas-operated welding, brazing etc. appliances, (of a kind operated by numerical control system)	9	7.2
84.50ex	Gas-operated welding, brazing etc. appliances and parts thereof (other)	4.9	4.2
84.52-2(1)	Electronic cash registers	6	3.7
84.52-2(2)ex	Electronic bookkeeping and accounting machines	7.2	3.9
84.61	Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances	4.5	3.6
85.21-2ex	Semiconductors (diodes, transistors and similar devices and integrated circuits, excluding emitting diodes)	4.2	free
85.21-3ex	Semiconductors (photocells and parts of photocells and the above-mentioned semiconductors)	4.3	free
87.06-2ex	Parts of track-laying type tractors	5.3	4.9
90.03-1ex	Frames for spectacles etc. made of or combined with precious metals, (excluding those made of metals, celluloid or synthetic resins)	5.3	4.9
90.03-1ex	Frames, mountings, and parts for spectacles etc., made of or combined with precious metals (other)	7.4	7
90.03-2ex	Frames for spectacles, etc. (excluding those made of metals, celluloid or synthetic resins)	5.3	4.9
90.03-2ex	Frames, mountings and parts thereof for spectacles (other)	7.4	7
90.09-2	Photographic enlargers and reducers, and parts and accessories thereof	4	3.5
90.28-4ex	Automatic regulators (for motor vehicles)	5.3	free

(Note)

1. Applied rates are applied on MFN basis, except GSP rates.
2. New rates of duty are to be stipulated in ANNEX I to the Temporary Tariff Measures Law, except GSP rates and exempted treatments.
3. Tariffs on semi-conductors are to be removed simultaneously by both Japan and U.S.
4. Woven fabrics of jute are mentioned in 2.(3)(a) above as well as in this list.