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JAPAN - TARIFF CHANGES IN FISCAL YEAR 1985

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I would like to inform you that on 29 March 1985, a bill to revise the Temporary Tariff Measures Law was passed by the Diet. The revision includes the tariff elimination and reduction, which constituted a part of the External Economic Measures<sup>1</sup> decided on 27 April and 14 December 1984, (of which we informed you by my letter of 27 April and our press release published on 14 December 1984). This revision is now effective as of 1 April 1985.

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<sup>1</sup> See also documents L/5648 and L/5795

## THE JAPANESE TARIFF CHANGES IN FISCAL YEAR 1985

The Japanese tariff changes in fiscal year 1985 consist of reduction or elimination of tariff rates and amendments to the GSP scheme which were included in the External Economic Measures announced in April and December 1984.

These tariff changes become effective as from 1 April 1985. The outline of the tariff changes is as follows:

### I. Reduction and/or elimination of tariff rates

#### 1. Advanced implementation of tariff reduction in the Tokyo Round Agreements:

(1) With special attention to the expansion of trade with developing countries, the implementation<sup>1</sup> of tariff reductions on those agricultural products listed in Appendix 1<sup>1</sup> is advanced by two years, resulting in the application of the final rate agreed upon in the Tokyo Round Agreements;

(2) The implementation of tariff reductions on other agricultural products is advanced by one year;

(3) The implementation of tariff reductions on industrial products is advanced by two years.

#### 2. Elimination or reduction of tariff rates on certain items:

Tariff rates on the items listed in Appendix 2<sup>1</sup> and Appendix 3<sup>1</sup> are eliminated or reduced further.

### II. Improvements in the generalized system of preferences

With a view to expanding trade with developing countries, the necessary measures have been taken to make the following improvements in the generalized system of preferences (GSP):

#### (1) Increase of the GSP ceiling quotas

On top of the considerable increase already effected in fiscal year 1984, GSP ceiling quotas for industrial products are further increased in fiscal year 1985 by approximately ¥100 billion (about 8 per cent) over the current fiscal year.

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<sup>1</sup> English only

(2) Reduction of the number of selected product (sp) items

The industrial products listed in Appendix 4<sup>1</sup> are excluded from the sp<sup>2</sup> list, resulting in the total elimination of tariff rates on these items.

(3) Reduction of exceptions to the special GSP treatment for least-developed countries

The woven fabrics of jute (Tariff items No. 57.10) produced in least-developed countries are subject to the special GSP treatment. Thus, the GSP ceiling quotas for these items have been eliminated.

(Appendix 1)

<u>Tariff item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
02.06-2 ex	Meat and edible meat offals (except poultry liver), salted, in brine, dried or smoked, (other than those of pigs and of bovine).
03.01-2(2) A ex	Hard roes of tara (frozen)
03.01-2(2) B ex	Barracouta (family sphyraenidae and family gempylidae), and kingclip (fresh or chilled) (excluding fillets)
03.01-2(2) B ex	Sea breams, barracouta (family sphyraenidae and family gempyliade) and kingclip (frozen) (excluding fillets)
03.01-2(2) B ex	Sharks (fresh or chilled) (excluding fillets)
03.01-2(2) B ex	Sharks (frozen) (excluding fillets)
03.02-1 ex	Hard roes of tara (genus gadus, genus theragra and genus merluccius) (dried, salted, in brine or smoked)
03.03-1 (1) ex	Ise-ebi and other shrimps, prawns and lobsters (fresh, chilled or frozen)
03.03-2(1) ex	Cuttle fish and squid (fresh (live or dead), chilled or frozen)
06.03	Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared
08.01-1(2)	Bananas (dried)
08.01-2 ex	Pineapples (dried)
08.01-4 ex	Coconuts and brazil nuts (fresh or dried)
08.01-4 ex	Cashew nuts (fresh or dried)
08.02-3	Grapefruit (fresh or dried)
08.06 ex	Pears and quinces (fresh)

- 08.10 ex Papaya, papaws, avocados, guavas, durian, bilimbi, champeder, jackfruit, bread-fruit, rambutan, rose-apple jambo, jambosa diamboo-kagget, chicomamey, cherimoya, kehapi, sugar-apple, mangoes, bullock's-heart, passion-fruit, dookoo, kokosan, mangosteens, soursop and litchi (frozen, not containing added sugar)
- 09.04-2(2) Pepper of the genus "piper": pimento of the genus "capsicum" or the genus "pimenta" (other than put up in containers for retail sale) (ground or mixed)
- 09.10-1 Curry
- 09.10-3(2) B(b) Other spices (other than put up in containers for retail sale) (ground or mixed) (other than ginger)
- 15.07-8 ex Palm oil
- 16.02-2(1) ex Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal (other than guts etc., dried after simply boiled in water) (not containing meat or meat offal of bovine animal or pigs)
- 16.05-2 ex Shrimps, prawns and lobsters, prepared or preserved (other than those smoked, simply boiled in water or in brine and those chilled, frozen, salted, in brine or dried, after simply boiled in water or brine)
- 20.01-1 ex Papaya, papaw, avocados, guavas, durians, bilimois, chawpeder, jackfruit, bread-fruit, rambutan, rose-apple jambo, jambosadiamboo kaget, chicomamey, cherimoya, kehapi, sugar-apple, bullock's heart, passion fruit, dookoo kokosan, soursop, litchi, mangoes and

		mangosteens (prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, containing added sugar)
20.01-2	ex	Mangoes and mangosteens (prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, not containing added sugar)
20.06-1(1)	ex	Pineapples, prepared or preserved (containing added sugar) (in can, bottle or pot, not more than 10kg each including container)
21.04-2(1)		Instant curry and other curry preparations
21.07-2(2)	A ex	Bases for beverage, non-alcoholic (containing Panax ginseng or its extract) (not containing added sugar)
30.03-3(1)	B ex	Ginseng root (put up in farms or in packings of a kind sold by retail)
38.11-1	ex	Herbicides, rat poisons, anti-sprouting products etc., (other than plant-growth regulators, disinfectants, insecticides, fungicides) (put up in farms or in packings of a kind sold by retail)
38.11-2	ex	Insecticides of organic chlorine
44.14-1		Wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled but not further prepared, of a thickness not exceeding 5mm: veneer sheets and sheets for plywood, of a thickness not exceeding 5mm (of kvarin, tsuge or box-wood, tagayasan (cassia siamea ham), red sandal wood, rose wood, or ebony wood, excluding ebony wood with white streaks
44.15	ex	Plywood (not surface-worked) (other than those with face plies on both sides of coniferous species, not less than 5mm in thickness)

(Appendix 2)

<u>Tariff item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous rate</u> (%)	<u>New rate</u> (%)
02.01-1ex	Internal organs and tongue of bovine animals	17.5	15
02.01-2ex	Meat and meat offals of pigs (Carcass) (skinned)	6.9 (parts of ad valorem)	5 (parts of ad valorem)
02.01-2ex	Meat and meat offals of pigs (Carcass) (Not skinned)	6.9 (parts of ad valorem)	5 (parts of ad valorem)
02.01-2ex	Meat and meat offals of pigs (other)	6.9 (parts of ad valorem)	5 (parts of ad valorem)
04.02-3ex	Milk and cream, preserved, concentrated or sweetened (Whey) (not containing added suger)(material for prepared powdered milk for babies)	25	10
05.07-2	Skins and other parts of birds, with their feathers or down, feathers and parts of feathers (whether or not with trimmed edges) and down, not further worked than cleaned, disinfected or treated for preservation; powder and waste of feathers or parts of feathers (other than feathers meal)	5	Free

08.05-4ex	Pistachios and Pecan (fresh or dried)	16	12
08.12ex	Berries(dried)	15	12
15.07-2(2)	Ground-nut oil (of an acid value not exceed- ing 0.6)	23(yen)/Kg	20.7(yen)/Kg
15.07-4(2)	Sunflower seed oil (of an acid value not exceeding 0.6)	23(yen)/Kg	20.7(yen)/Kg
16.02-2(2)ex	Other prepared or preserved meat of pigs(excluding ham and bacon)	25	10% or (1.5X-0.6Y) (yen)/Kg, which- ever is the greater X:standard import price Y:value for customs duty
16.02-2(2)ex	Prepared or preserved meat or meat offal (other than of bovine animals and pigs)	13.8	10
20.02-2(1)	Tomato puree and tomato paste	25	20
20.03ex	Berry preserved by freezing (containing added sugar)	23	20
20.06-1(2)ex	Peaches prepared or preserved (in pulp form)(not containing added sugar)(contain- ing added spirit)	35	25
20.06-1(2)ex	Berry and prune prepared or preserved (other than in pulp form)(containing added sugar)	28	23



20.06-2(2)ex	Prune prepared or preserved (other than in pulp form)(not containing added sugar)	20	16
20.07-2(1)ex	Tomato juice (containing added sugar)	35	25
20.07-2(2)ex	Tomato juice (not containing added sugar)	25	20
20.07-2(2)ex	Mixtures of vegetable juice in airtight containers (not containing added sugar)	11	9
20.07-2(2)ex	Vegetable juice other than mixtures of vegetable juice (in airtight containers) (not containing added sugar)	17	12
21.04-1(1)ex	Tomato ketchup	25	20
21.07-2(1)ex	Peanut butter (containing added sugar)	25	12
21.07-2(1)ex	Food preparations of sweet corn (containing added sugar)	21.9	17.5
21.07-2(1)ex	Food preparations (containing added sugar) (the weight of contained sugar not exceeding 50% of the total weight of product)	35	28
21.07-2(2)B (b)ex	Peanut butter (not containing added sugar)	23.1	10
21.07-2(2)B (b)ex	Food preparations of sweet corn (not containing added sugar)	15.6	12.5
21.07-2(2)B (b)ex	Food preparation of vegetable protein	17.5	12.5
22.05-1	Champagne and other sparkling wines	455(yen)/L	360(yen)/L

22.05-2ex	Bulk wine	160(yen)/L	80(yen)/L
22.05-2ex	Sherry, port and other fortified grape wine	280(yen)/L	220(yen)/L
22.05-2ex	Bottled wine	55% (maximum customs duty of 280(yen)/L and minimum of 199(yen)/L)	38% (maximum customs duty of 280(yen)/L and minimum of 166(yen)/L)
23.07-2ex	Pet food (ordinary ones put up in small con- tainer)	15	12
27.10-1(1)C (b)ex	Petroleum spirits( intended for use in the manufacture of petro- chemical products, ammonia and gas)	125(yen)/Kl	95(yen)/Kl
27.10-1(2)B ex	Normal paraffin	1010(yen)/Kl	Free
27.11ex	Liquefied petroleum gases (intended for use in the manufacture of petrochemical products)	280(yen)/Ton	100(yen)/Ton
27.11ex	Liquefied petroleum gases (others)	550(yen)/Ton	200(yen)/Ton
29.13-1(6)ex	Camphor, of a melting point not less than 175°C	11.2	8.2
29.35-9	Santonin	10.2	Free
35.02-1	Egg albumin	12.5	10
35.04-3	Protein substances (other than peptones and their derivative and hide powder)	10.4	8.5
37.01-1	Photographic plates and film in the flat, sen- sitised, unexposed, of any material other than paper, paperboard or cloth (for X-ray)	8.2	7

37.01-2(2)	Photographic plates and film (other than colour plates and colour film)	7.2	6
37.02-1(2)ex	Cinematograph film in rolls (other than colour film)(not for X-ray)	7.2	6
37.02-2(3)	Film in rolls (other than cinematograph film, not colour, not for X-ray)	7.2	6
37.03-1	Colour photographic paper	5.8	4
38.19-5(3)ex	Catalysts for purification of the exhaust gas of motor vehicles	1.9	1.2
40.11-lex	Pneumatic tyres and tyre cases for motor vehicles (not new)	6.4	4
40.11-lex	Inner tubes and others motor vehicles	7.3	4
41.02-2(2)ex	Bovine cattle leather and equine leather (wet blue chrome grain)	15	Free
43.01-2ex	Furskins of minks (raw)	16.3	7
48.01-2(3)ex	Kraft liner and kraft paper(wrapping paper, weighing more than 30g /m <sup>2</sup> but not more than 300g/m <sup>2</sup> )	9.3	8.5 7.7(FY1986) 7 (FY1987)
48.01-2(4)ex	White paperboard, kraft liner paper and kraft paper board (paperboard ,weighing more than 300g/m <sup>2</sup> )	5.9	5
48.07-2(9)ex	Paper and paperboard, coated or impregnated with artificial or synthetic resins, and other	5.1	4.8 4.4(FY1986) 4 (FY1987)

56.01-lex	Man-made fibres (dis- continuous) containing more than 50% by weight of synthetic fibres or acetate fibres (other than those containing more than 50% by weight of nylon fibres, poly- acrylonitrile fibres and others)	12.5	10
58.04-1(1)	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (with pile yarn of wool or fine animal hair) (ast- rakhan fabrics or seal fabrics)	8	Free
59.15-1	Textile Hosepiping and similar tubing (of flax or ramie)	6.4	Free
59.15-3ex	Textile hosepiping and similar tubing (other than those of synthetic fibres and of cotton)	5.2	Free
61.05-1	Handkerchiefs of flax or ramie	12	11.3
62.04-1	Tarpaulins, sails, awn- ings, sun-blinds, tents and camping goods (of flax, ramie etc.)	6.4	Free
65.01	Hat-forms, hat bodies and hoods of felt, neither blocked to shape nor with made brims; plateaux and manchons), of felt	9	4.5
65.02	Hat-shapes, plaited or made from plaited or other strips of any	8.7	4.3

	material, neither blocked to shape nor with made brims		
65.03-1	Felt hats (combined or trimmed with precious metals, rolled precious metals, metals plated with precious metals, precious stones etc.)	9	Free
65.04-1	Hats and other head gear (plaited etc.)( combined or trimmed with precious metals, metals plated with precious metals etc.)	7.5	Free
71.02-2(1)A	Diamond formed to be used for mechanical or industrial purposes ( perforated for wire drawing)	1.5	Free
71.03-2ex	Synthetic or reconstructed precious or semi precious stones (not for mechanical nor industrial uses)(other than synthetic diamond and crystal)	9.6	7.5
71.12ex	Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, made of,or combined with, silver or platinum group metals	10.2	7.8
71.12ex	Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, combined or trimmed with gold,value of the part of gold being less than 80% of the total value	11.2	8.2

71.12ex	Articles of jewellery and parts thereof (others)	11.2	8.2
71.13ex	Articles of goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares and parts thereof, of precious metal or roll ed precious metal other than goods falling within heading No.71.12 (combined or trimmed with gold value of the part of gold being less than 80% of the total value, n.e.s., and others)(other than knives and others)	11.2	8.2
71.13ex	Articles of goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares and parts thereof ( others)	11.2	8.2
71.15-2ex	Articles consisting of, or incorporating, pearls, precious or semi-precious stones ( articles of jewellery and parts thereof)	10.2	7.8
71.15-2ex	Articles consisting of, or incorporating, pear pearls, precious or semi-precious stones (others)	11.2	8.2
73.07-2ex	Billets and slabs of iron or steel	4.5	Free
77.01-1	Unwrought magnesium	8.6	6.5
		(parts of ad valorem)	(parts of ad valorem)

78.01-1(1)A	Unwrought lead (Un- alloyed, containing more than 95% but not more than 99.8% by weight of lead and used for electrolytic refining)	6 (parts of ad valorem)	3.5 (parts of ad valorem)
82.15-1	Handles of base metal (made of, or combined with, metals plated with precious metals etc.)	6.4	Free
84.23-2ex	Parts of excavators	3.6	Free
84.23-2ex	Parts of dredging machines	4.2	Free
84.23-3ex	Parts of other excavat- ing machines and others	3.6	Free
84.25ex	Hay balers	6	Free
84.61	Taps, cocks, valves and others	3.6	2
87.06-2ex	Parts of track laying tractors	4.9	Free
90.17ex	Dental instruments and appliances and parts and accessories thereof	5.8	4.5
90.28-2ex	Automatic dimension measuring apparatus, dynamometers (electro- nic type) and others	5.2	2.5

(Appendix 3)

GSP Tariff Rate

<u>Tariff item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous rate</u>	<u>New rate</u>
		(%)	(%)
16.02-2(2)ex	Prepared or preserved meat or meat offal ( other than of bovine animals or pigs)	15.6	10
20.07-2(2)ex	Mixtures of vegetable juice (not containing added sugar) (in airtight containers)	9	7
20.07-2(2)ex	Vegetable juices other than mixtures of vegetable juice (not containing added sugar) (in airtight containers)	12	9.5
21.07-2(1)ex	Peanut butter (containing added sugar)	20	12
21.07-2(2)B (b)ex	Peanut butter (not containing added sugar)	20	10
22.05-1	Champagne and other sparkling wines	325(yen)/L	260(yen)/L
22.05-2ex	Bulk wine	40(yen)/L	30(yen)/L



(Appendix 4)

<u>Tariff item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
51.01-1(1)	Yarn of man-made fibres (containing more than 50% by weight of synthetic fibres or acetate fibres)
51.01-2(1)	Yarn of man-made fibres (containing not more than 50% by weight of synthetic fibres or acetate fibres)
57.10	Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres
67.03-3	Textile materials prepared for use in making wigs and the like
67.04	Wigs, false beards and the like etc. (of human or animal hair or of textiles)
97.02	Dolls