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UNDERTAKINGS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 15 OF  
THE MID-TERM REVIEW DECISION ON AGRICULTURE

Notification by Japan

1. In the April TNC decision, participants expressed their intention to reduce support and protection of agriculture for 1990. At that time of the agreement, Japan made clear that it would use, in undertaking the reduction, an AMS which is expressed on the individual country basis as the sum of the values of the AMS for major agricultural products, and that the base year for the reduction would be 1986. The following is the undertaking of Japan concerning paragraph 15 in line with the positions referred to in the above.

Japan intends to implement in good faith the undertakings on reduction. In so doing, it is the view of Japan that the reduction made in a short term should be treated as a credit in the negotiation of reducing support and protection for the attainment of long-term goals.

2. Among AMS-related conditions contained in the Japanese proposal made in the context of long-term agricultural reform, the following are taken into account in the calculation of the AMS value in this notification:

- (i) Product coverage is limited to major agricultural products, i.e. wheat, barley, rice, soybean, sugar, dairy products, beef, pigmeat, poultry and eggs.
- (ii) Those measures which were indicated for exclusion from calculating AMS in the September statement of Japan are excluded.

The method for calculating AMS in this notification on short-term measures should not prejudice the method of calculation and the use of AMS for the long-term objective.

3. Japan's total AMS as a country calculated by the method explained above are as follows.

Fiscal year	1986	1987	1988	1989
Total AMS	5,107	4,505	4,185	4,130
as country (bil.yen)				
%	(100)	(88)	(82)	(81)

Note: 1. AMS for 1988 is provisional  
2. AMS for 1989 is an estimate

As is obvious from the above table, Japan's total AMS as a country has been steadily reduced since 1986 and the AMS for 1989 is 81 per cent of the AMS for 1986.

4. Major specific measures scheduled in 1990 and aimed at reducing support and protection are as follows:

(1) Beef

On 1 April 1991, the import quota system on beef will be terminated. During the three years' transitional period preceeding the termination of the import quota system, the total market access for beef will be increased every year as follows:

JFY1988	274,000 m.t.
JFY1989	334,000 m.t.
JFY1990	394,000 m.t.

(2) Citrus

(i) Fresh oranges

On 1 April 1991, the import quota system on fresh oranges will be terminated. During the three years' transitional period preceeding the termination of the import quota system, the total market access for fresh oranges will be increased every year as follows:

JFY1988	148,000 m.t.
JFY1989	170,000 m.t.
JFY1990	192,000 m.t.

(ii) Orange juice

On 1 April 1992, the import quota system on orange juice will be terminated. During the four years' transitional period preceeding the termination of the import quota system, the total market access for orange juice will be increased every as follows:

concentrated orange juice (5 to 1 concentrate basis)		single strength orange juice and orange juice mixtures (single strength basis)
JFY1988	15,000 m.t.	15,000kl
JFY1989	19,000 m.t.	21,000kl
JFY1990	23,000 m.t.	27,000kl
JFY1991	40,000 m.t.	issue licences without limit to meet any amount of domestic demand

(3) Other agricultural products

Import quota systems will be terminated by April 1990 for processed cheese, prepared beef, other sugars and sugar syrups, fruit purée and paste, fruit pulp, prepared or preserved pineapples, non-citrus fruit juices, tomato juice, tomato ketchup and tomato sauce and food preparations n.e.s. mainly consisting of sugar. For dairy products such as ice cream and frozen yogurt, import quota systems will be terminated in April 1990. For dairy products such as prepared whey for infant formula and whey powder for animal feed, and for groundnuts, import quota is increased every year from 1988 to 1990.

5. Presently, agricultural policy measures are carried out based on the general principle of improving agricultural productivity and of providing stable supply of food at reasonable prices to consumers. The reduction of total AMS as a country from 1986 to 1989, shown above, would be a result of the implementation of agricultural measures in accordance with the above stated general principle.

Japan is determined to maintain this policy orientation as well as to implement specific measures listed in 4 above. Unless major changes in circumstances surrounding Japan take place, Japan's total AMS as a country for 1990 would certainly be less than that of 1986.