

U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement

Pork and Pork Products



Overview: In 2024, the United States exported \$1.4 billion of pork products to Japan, making Japan the #2 overseas market for U.S. pork. The United States accounted for 28 percent of Japan’s total pork imports. Under the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement, the United States obtained tariff treatment for pork equal to the countries in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. The years below correspond to Japan’s fiscal year beginning April 1.

| Product Name Japan Customs HS Code | Base Rate | Year 7 (2025) | Year 8 (2026) | Year 9 (2027) | Final Tariff (Year) | 2024 Imports from U.S. |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Meat (chilled/frozen) above 524 yen/kg 020312/020319/020322/020329-022, 020630/020649-099 | 4.3% | 0.4% | 0.2% | Free | Free (2027) | \$969,710,015 |
| Processed pork products (incl. ground seasoned pork) 160241/160242-090, 160249-290 | 20% | Free | | | Free (2023) | \$386,089,016 |
| Offal excl. liver (frozen) 020649-091 | 8.5% | Free | | | Free (2025) | \$50,161,223 |
| Sausage 160100-000 | 10% | Free | | | Free (2023) | \$35,172,721 |
| Prepared pork (incl. ham/bacon) above 897.59 yen/kg 021011/021012/021019/-020, 021099/160241/160242-019, 160249-220 | 8.5% | 1.1% | 0.7% | 0.3% | Free (2028) | \$13,112,617 |
| Meat (chilled/frozen) 524 yen/kg or less 020312-023/-024*/-025*, 020319-023/-024*/-025*, 020322-023/- 024*/-025*, 020329-023/-024*/-025*, 020630-093/-094*/-095*, 020649-093/-094*/-095* | Max. 482 yen/kg | Max. 58 yen/kg | Max. 54 yen/kg | Max. 50 yen/kg | Max. 50 yen/kg (2027) | \$11,618,994 |
| Pig fat 020910-000 | 6.0% | Free | | | Free (2019) | \$2,795,159 |
| Prepared pork (incl. ham/bacon) 897.59 yen/kg or less 021011/021012/021019-010*, 021099/160241/160242-011*, 160249-210* | Max. 614.85 yen/kg | Max. 77.19 yen/kg | Max. 51.46 yen/kg | Max. 25.72 yen/kg | Free (2028) | \$0 |
| Offal (chilled) and liver (frozen) 020630-091, 020641-090 | 8.5% | 2.3% | 1.5% | 0.7% | Free (2028) | \$0 |
| Prepared liver products (incl. liver paste) 160220-010 | 21.3% | 10.6% | 9.3% | 7.9% | Free (2033) | \$0 |
| Carcass/half carcass (chilled/frozen) above 393 yen/kg 020311/020321-040 | 4.3% | 0.4% | 0.2% | Free | Free (2027) | n/a |
| Carcass/half carcass (chilled/frozen) 393 yen/kg or less 020311-020/-031*/-032*, 020321-020/-031*/-032* | Max. 361 yen/kg | Max. 43.5 yen/kg | Max. 40.5 yen/kg | Max. 37.5 yen/kg | Max. 37.5 yen/kg (2027) | n/a |

Safeguard: Under the agreement, Japan applies U.S.-specific safeguards for carcasses/half carcasses, meat, and prepared pork products. The safeguard for meat started at 112% of the highest import volume of the previous three years. If the safeguard volume is surpassed, tariffs on certain U.S. pork exports will increase for the remainder of that year. The safeguard will be eliminated in Year 10 (2028).

Market Considerations: Japan imports around 50 percent of its pork supply. Pork is one of the most popular protein choices for Japanese households. Ground seasoned pork (GSP) is a key ingredient for domestic sausage manufacturers. The U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement puts the United States on equal tariff footing with other major pork suppliers like Canada and the European Union.

Additional Resources: Further information is available at www.usdajapan.org. For additional questions, please contact the USDA Agricultural Trade Office at atotokyo@usda.gov, Tel: 81-3-3224-5115.