

U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement

Fats and Oils



Overview: In 2024, the United States exported \$24 million of oil and non-dairy fat products to Japan, making Japan the #20 overseas market. The United States accounted for two percent of Japan’s total imports of edible non-dairy fats and oils. 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.
Other processed oil and fat (excl. hydrogenated) 151790900		21.3%		Free		Free (2023)	\$9,744,734
Safflower oil, crude* 151211210, 151211220	Acid value>0.6	8.5 yen/kg		Free		Free (2019)	\$3,977,447
	Other	10.4 yen/kg		Free		Free (2023)	\$0
Soybean oil, crude* 150710100 150710200	Acid value>0.6	10.9 yen/kg		Free		Free (2023)	\$807,620
	Other	13.2 yen/kg		Free		Free (2023)	\$0
Linseed oil, crude* 151511000		Greater of 5.0% or 5.5 yen/kg		Free		Free (2023)	\$346,574
Margarine, excl. liquid margarine 151710000		29.8%		Free		Free (2023)	\$336,111
Castor oil and its fractions* 151530000		4.5%		Free		Free (2019)	\$11,761
Poultry fats (excl. poultry fat in 02.09) 150190000		6.4%		Free		Free (2019)	\$9,828
Pig fat (incl. lard, excl. that of heading 02.09 and 15.03) 150110200, 150120200		8.5 yen/kg		Free		Free (2023)	\$9,694
Lard stearin, lard oil, oleostearin, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or otherwise prepared 150300000		4.3%		Free		Free (2019)	\$0
Sunflower oil, crude* 151211110, 151211120	Acid value>0.6	8.5 yen/kg		Free		Free (2023)	\$0
	Other	10.4 yen/kg		Free		Free (2023)	\$0
Cottonseed oil and its fractions* 151221090 151229090	Crude	8.5 yen/kg		Free		Free (2023)	\$0
	Other	8.5 yen/kg	0.94 yen/kg	Free		Free (2026)	\$0
Rice bran oil and fractions* 151590420		10.4 yen/kg	2.84 yen/kg	1.89 yen/kg	0.95 yen/kg	Free (2028)	\$0

*not chemically modified

Market Considerations: Japan’s fat and oil market is price-driven. While imports of oilseeds are generally duty-free, oil imports have been subject to special tariffs. Therefore, most vegetable oil has been produced from imported oilseeds crushed in Japan. Exceptions include palm, coconut and olive oils which are tariff-free and have seen imports increase over the past 20 years. Due to rising oil and fat price and a weakened Japanese yen, Japan has reduced its imports of oil and fat from overseas since 2019.

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.