

U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement

Coffee, Tea and Spices



Overview: In 2024, the United States exported \$44 million of coffee, tea and spices (incl. extracts, concentrates and preparations) to Japan, making Japan the #5 overseas market. U.S. exports accounted for over two percent of Japan's total imports of these products. 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.
Coffee, roasted, not decaffeinated 090121000	12.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$23,839,179
Partly fermented tea, in immediate packings of a content < 3 kg 090230090	17.0%		Free		Free (2023)	\$2,254,089
Coffee, roasted, decaffeinated 090122000	12.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$1,922,957
Instant coffee, not containing sugar 210111210, 210112121	8.8%		Free		Free (2019)	\$1,650,295
Black tea, in immediate packings of a content < 3 kilograms (kg) 090230010	12.0%		Free		Free (2023)	\$491,797
Instant tea 210120110	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$437,829
Preparations with a basis of tea, no sugar, contains <30% natural milk constituents by weight 210120247	15.0%		Free		Free (2023)	\$402,975
Other extracts, essences and concentrates of tea or mate, excl. instant tea 210120120	8.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$357,343
Other coffee extracts, essences and concentrates, not containing sugar, excl. instant coffee 210111290, 210112122	15.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$196,364
Black tea (excl. waste unfit for food consumption) in immediate packings of a content < 3 kg 090240210	3.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$93,475
Other spices and mixtures of two or more products under diff. headings (09.04 to 09.10), in retail containers 091091210	3.6%		Free		Free (2019)	\$68,396
Green tea (not fermented), in immediate packings of a content < 3 kg 090210000	17.0%		Free		Free (2023)	\$49,147
Roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes 210130000	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$25,158
Pepper, crushed or ground, in retail containers 090412100	3.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$0
Preparations with a basis of coffee, no sugar, contains < 30% natural milk constituents by weight 210112249	15.0%		Free		Free (2023)	\$0

Market Considerations: Although coffee consumption has reached plateau around 2018, Japan still purchased over 360,000 MT in 2024. Japan imports almost all of its coffee beans, and most imported coffee is caffeinated (>99%). While green tea consumption has decreased, most green tea is domestically produced. Black tea is gaining popularity, but consumption remains low compared to green tea. In 2023, Japan consumed 70,729 MT of green tea compared to 13,704 MT of black tea. Japan imported over 90,000 MT of spices in 2023. Requirement of phytosanitary certificate depends on spice, and so consult with Japan's Plant Protection office through contracted importer(s). Japan does not allow irradiation treatment for most products, including spices.

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.