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TRQ for Beef and Poultry Products under Mexico-Japan Agreement.

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Report Highlights:

On March 3, 2010, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced it will allow a total of 6,000 metric tons (MT) of Japanese beef and byproducts and 8,500 MT of poultry products from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. Those quantities could be imported from Japan paying preferential duties as part of its Mexico-Japan commitments. U.S. beef and poultry products will continue to be granted unlimited duty-free access to the Mexican market under NAFTA.

General Information:

Introduction:

This report summarizes the official announcement published in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) on March 3, 2010 and March 29, 2010, related to the TRQ under preferential tariff for beef and poultry products to be imported into Mexico from Japan from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010.

Disclaimer:

This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcements and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulations in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Type of Ruling: Announce of TRQ given to Japan.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: March 3, 2010 and March 29, 2010
2. Enforcement Date: April 1, 2010

Products Affected: Imported U.S beef and poultry products from Japan HS codes:0201.20.99, 0201.30.01, 0202.20.99, 0202.30.01, 0206.10.01, 0206.21.01, 0206.22.01, 0206.29.99, part of 1602.50.99, 0207.11.01, 0207.12.01, 0207.13.01, 0207.13.02, 0207.13.03, 0207.13.99, 0207.14.01, 0207.14.03, 0207.14.04, 0207.14.99, 1602.31.01, 1602.32.01, 1602.39.99.

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Economy

Summary: The Secretariat of Economy (SE) published in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register) on March 3, 2010 announce meant of a TRQ for Japanese beef and poultry products to be imported into Mexico during April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. It will allow 6,000 metric tons (MT) of beef and byproducts (in total 9 HS codes), and 8,500 MT of poultry products (in total 13 HS codes). In March 29, 2010 SE announced the in-quota tariff for the above HS codes.

The following table summarizes the TRQ by HS code and the in-quota tariff.

Table 1. TRQ and in-quota-tariff from Japanese products to be imported into Mexico during April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

HS code:	Specific product	In-quota tariff	TRQ (Metric Ton)
0201.20.99		18.0	6,000
0201.30.01		16.0	
0202.20.99		20.0	
0202.30.01	Only: loin, needle, nape, wheel, skirt and breast.	22.5	
		20.0	
0206.10.01		12.0	
0206.21.01		12.0	
0206.22.01		18.0	
0206.29.99	Others	18.0	
	Only: internal organs (except liver), meat of cheek and meat of head	12.0	
1602.50.99	Only: dried meat or salted meat, or with vegetables in hermetically sealed packages	20.7	
0207.11.01		216.0	8,500
0207.12.01		216.0	
0207.13.01		216.0	
0207.13.02		216.0	
0207.13.03		216.0	
0207.13.99		216.0	
0207.14.01		171.6	
0207.14.03		171.6	
0207.14.04		192.0	
0207.14.99		171.6	
1602.31.01		20.7	
1602.32.01	From rooster or hen	20.7	
	Only: excluding bovine or porcine by-products.	13.8	
1602.39.99		20.7	

Direct allocation will be authorized first come, first served. The applications for the request of allocation of the quota (import permits) must be submitted on form SE-03-011-3 at the General Directorate of Foreign Trade of SE. Once the quantity to be imported is allocated under the TRQ, SE will issue the quota to the authorized companies. The expiration date of the quota is March 31, 2011.

Unlimited amounts of U.S. beef and poultry products enter Mexico duty-free under NAFTA.

FAS/Mexico comment:

This action of SE will not affect market access for U.S. beef, beef products, and poultry products. Even though giving quotas to other markets may appear to create additional international competition for U.S. products in the Mexican market, Japan does not export a significant quantity of the above

products.

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Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx and Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.se.gob.mx NOTE: These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience, but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with the information contained on the mentioned sites.

OTHER RELEVANT REPORTS

MX0016: Mexico Announces the TRQ for Import Dairy Preparations for 2010

MX0012: Livestock and products Semi Annual

MX0010: Poultry and Products Semi Annual

MX0002: GOM Investigates Monopolistic Practices In Mexican Poultry Sector

MX9077: Trade policy monitoring annual