

4014 : Elimination of Tariffs on Imported Goods under the Japan-Thailand
Economic Partnership Agreement

Japan is to either eliminate or reduce tariffs (concessions) in line with the schedule described in Annex 1 of the EPA, for goods of the other signatory nation that satisfies the rules of origin stipulated in the Japan-Thailand Economic Partnership Agreement. The categories for concession such as immediate tariff elimination, gradual tariff elimination or reduction, tariff quota for Japan are prescribed in the "General Notes" of Part 1 of Annex 1 (Reference 1). Also, the detailed schedule for Japan on repeat consultations and tariff quota is prescribed in "Notes for Schedule of Japan" in Part 2, Appendix I (Reference 2).

(Reference 1: General Notes)

Fourth column	Description	Notes
A	Tariff elimination on the date of EPA enforcement	Items for immediate tariff elimination (examples: Mangoes, Mangosteens, Prawn and processed prawn products , etc.)
Bn	Uniform tariff reduction on a yearly basis in "n+1" phases from the base rate	Items for tariff reduction & elimination in phases n=3,5,7,10,15 (Examples: Tunas, in airtight containers, etc.) First reduction: The date of EPA enforcement Subsequent reduction: April 1 of each year
P	Tariff reduction on the date of EPA enforcement	Items for tariff reduction in phases (Example: Chicken & processed chicken products, etc.) First reduction: The date of EPA enforcement Subsequent reduction: April 1 of each year
Q	Establishment of tariff quota	Items with tariff quota (Examples: Bananas, pineapple (less than 900 g), sorghum & starch derivatives, etc.)
R	Negotiate on tariff commitment after a period of time following EPA enforcement	Items for renegotiation (Examples: Sugar, laminated boards, etc.)
X	Excluded from any commitment	Exemption items (Examples: Wheat, processed wheat products, marine IQ products, etc.)

(Reference 2: Notes for Schedule of Japan)

Table 5 column	Description
1	Date of renegotiation (fifth year after EPA enforcement): Pork, etc.
2	Fresh bananas: Tariff quota requirements (quota: 4,000 tons in first year → 8,000 tons in fifth year; quota tax rate: Duty-free)
3	Fresh pineapple (less than 900 g): Tariff quota requirements (quota: 100 tons in first year → 300 tons in fifth year; quota tax rate: Duty-free)
4	Date of renegotiation (fifth year from the enforcement of EPA or date agreed by the signatory parties, whichever comes earlier): Cane sugar, etc.
5	Processed pork products: Tariff quota requirements (quota: 1,200 tons; quota tax rate: 16%)
6	Sorghum: Tariff quota requirements (quota: 4,000 tons in third year → 5,000 tons in fourth and subsequent years; quota tax rate: ¥7.65 per kilogram)
7	Esterified starch and other starch derivatives: Tariff quota requirements (quota: 200,000 tons; quota tax rate: Duty-free)

Provisions regarding tariff concessions between Japan and Thailand

- Japan Schedule (Part 1 & 2, Annex I) (Japanese)
http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/fta/j_asean/thailand/pdfs/fuzoku01.pdf
- Japan and Thailand Schedules (Part 1, 2 & 3, Annex I) (English)
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/asia-paci/thailand/epa0704/annex1.pdf>

