4026 Elimination of Tariffs on Imported Goods under the Japan Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement

The Japan-Philippines economic partnership agreement specifies details of tariff concessions in Annex 1. Categories of concessions such as immediate tariff elimination, gradual tariff elimination or reduction, tariff quota, etc. are prescribed in the "General Notes" of Part 1 of Annex I (Reference 1). Also, the details on re-negotiation, tariff quota and tariff reduction, etc. is prescribed in "Notes for Schedule of Japan" in Section 1, Part 2, Annex 1 (Reference 2).

Table 4 column	Description	Notes
А	Tariff elimination on the date of EPA enforcement	Items for immediate tariff elimination
Bn	Uniform tariff reduction on a yearly basis in "n+1" phases from the date of EPA enforcement Elimination from standard rate in "n+1" phases	Items for tariff reduction & elimination in phases n=3,5,7,10,15 First phase: The date of EPA enforcement
		Subsequent phases: April 1 of each year
Р	Tariff reduction under conditions specified in the Notes in the 5th column	Items for tariff reduction in phases (Example: Tomato ketchup, pineapple juice, etc.)
Q	Establishment of tariff quota	Tariff quota items (Examples: Chicken (excluding thigh meat with bone), fresh pineapple (less than 900 g), certain processed pork products, sorghum (excluding livestock feed) ice cream, etc.)
R	Talks on tariff elimination, etc., after a period of time following EPA enforcement	Items for renegotiation (Example: Laminated boards, etc.)
Х	No concessions in tariff elimination, etc.	Exemption items (Examples: Wheat, processed wheat products, marine IQ products, etc.)

(Reference 1: General Notes)

- Schedule of Japan (Section 2 of Part 2 of Annex 1) (Japanese) <u>http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/fta/j\_asean/philippines/pdfs/fuzoku01.pdf</u>
- Schedule of the Philippines (Section 2 of Part 3 of Annex 1) (English) http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/asia-paci/philippine/epa0609/annex1.pdf

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