

## 4027: Overview of the Elimination or Reduction in Tariffs Under the Agreement between Japan and the Republic of the Philippines for an Economic Partnership

Based on the EPA between Japan and the Philippines, the tariff is scheduled to be eliminated for roughly 94% of the value of commerce between the two countries (approx. 97% of exports from Japan and approx. 92% of imports from the Philippines) within 10 years from the entry into force of the agreement.

### I. Agriculture, forestry and fisheries

#### 1. Japan's key commitments

##### (a) Agricultural products

- Tropical fruit wine, cigarettes, etc.: Immediate tariff elimination
- Fresh bananas (10% at present (April-September) and 20% (October-March))
  - Miniature varieties: Tariff elimination in 10 years
  - Others: Tariff reduction to 8%(April-September) and 18%(October-March) in 10 years
- Fresh pineapple (less than 900g): Tariff quota
  - Quota tax rate: Duty-free for 1,000 tons in the first year and 1,800 tons in the fifth year
  - Tariff rate outside quota: 17%
- Mascobado sugar (in retail packaging of less than 1kg): Tariff quota
  - Quota tariff rate: ¥7.65 per kg; 300 tons in the third year to 400 tons in the fourth year
  - Quota tax rate: ¥35.3 per kg)
- Chicken (excluding thigh meat with bone): Tariff quota
  - Quota tax rate: 8.5%; 3,000 tons in the first year to 7,000 tons in the fifth year
  - Tariff rate outside quota: 11.9%

##### (b) Fisheries products

- Yellowfin tuna & bonito: Tariff elimination in five years

#### 2. Philippines's key commitments

- Apples, pears and grapes: Immediate tariff elimination

## II. Industrial products

### 1. Japan's key commitments

Tariffs on almost all the goods imported into Japan are eliminated immediately.

### 2. Philippines's key commitments

#### (a) Motor vehicles and auto parts

Auto parts	Immediate tariff elimination for auto parts used in local assembly but not manufactured locally; tariff elimination for other parts within 10 years
Motor vehicles (finished vehicles) (more than 3,000cc)	Tariff elimination in 2010 as a general rule (renegotiated after 2009, but elimination by 2013 at latest, even with renegotiation)
Motor vehicles (finished vehicles) (under 3,000cc)	Tariff rate reduced to 20% by 2009 and renegotiations

#### (b) Iron and steel products

Immediate tariff elimination for more than 60% of the export volume (including tariff quota for hot rolled steel sheets, cold rolled steel sheets, etc.); tariff elimination in 10 years for steel bolts, kitchen products and other steel products