

4051: Overview of the Elimination or Reduction in Tariffs under the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement

Based on the Japan-EU EPA, elimination rate of customs duties on Japan side is approximately 94% by tariff lines. On the other hand, elimination rate of customs duties on the EU side is approximately 99% by tariff lines, according to the EU's published documents.

I. Agriculture, forestry and fisheries

1. Japan's key commitments

- Rice: excluded from elimination/reduction of customs duties.
- Wheat, Dairy products, Sugar, Pork: maintain state trading system for wheat and dairy products; sugar price adjustment system; gate price system for pork. Ensure effective measures such as tariff rate quotas and safeguards.
- Soft cheese: tariff rate quota is allocated, and quota volume is limited to the extent which enables expansion of production in Japan.
- Beef: ensure 15-year tariff reduction period and safeguard.

2. EU's key commitments

- Almost all products including Japan's export priority products, including beef, tea and fishery products, customs duties will be eliminated.
- All customs duties of alcoholic beverages will be eliminated immediately.

II. Industrial products

1. Japan's key commitments

- Chemical products, fiber/fiber products: customs duties will be eliminated immediately.
- Leather, footwear: customs duties will be eliminated in 11 years or 16 years.

2. EU's key commitments

- 100% elimination of customs duties
- Automobiles (current customs duties: 10%) : customs duties will be eliminated in 8 years.
- Car parts: more than 90% of customs duties (exports by value) will be eliminated immediately.
- General machineries, chemical products and electronics: approximately 90% of customs duties (exports by value) will be eliminated.