The EU and Japan are two economic giants, together accounting for almost one third of the world’s total GDP and more than a fifth of world trade. Studies show that the successful conclusion of an ambitious free trade agreement between EU and Japan could deliver a potential 32.7% increase in EU exports to Japan. Japanese exports to the EU could rise by as much as 23.5%. The EPA matters to both sides.

The EPA has entered into force on 1 February, 2019.
The EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation has launched an EPA Helpdesk to raise awareness about the opportunities this agreement offers and to help EU SMEs take advantage of them. The Helpdesk will provide up-to-date information and will answer EPA-related queries. It will organise webinars and publish information packs, each of them composed of a factsheet and practical guide covering specific topics or sectors of the EPA. More detailed information is available:

For more information about EPA, please visit DG TRADE EPA page:

For more information about Small and Mid-size Enterprise (SME), please visit DG TRADE web page:

**Concerning the export conditions (including tariff etc...) of Japanese products to the EU.**

EU Delegation is not in a position to respond to such enquiries. Japanese exporters should instead address their questions to JETRO, to the Japanese ministries or the Japanese mission in Brussels.

Alternatively, in case the exporters wish to get in direct contact with the EU authorities, this can be done through the Commission's Export Helpdesk ( ). The Trade Helpdesk will be improved user friendly manner and updated on 1 February with the addition of Japan among our trade partners.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Q1. I would like to export products from the EU to Japan. How can I check the tariff rate under the EPA?

A1. The Japanese tariff schedule under the EU-Japan EPA can be found at

You can check the tariff of your specific export in the schedule but in order to check the right product information, you need to know the HS code of your product. The code used in the schedule is called HS2017 and it is the code used by the Japan customs. If you are not sure about the HS code of your export, please enquire to the Japan Customs. You can find more information about HS code at and make enquiry to the Japan customs from . Please note that the code used in the EU is CN code and it is not the same code as HS2017.

Once you have the HS code, please check tariff line column indicated on the left side of the Japan schedule. Please note that in case 1) tariff is already eliminated before the EPA entering into force and 2) tariff will be eliminated at the time of the EPA entering into force, tariff line is not included in the schedule table. Notes for the schedule of Japan are available at (This part contains in particular the description of the 25 TRQs (tariff rate quotas) conceded by Japan to the EU on agricultural and processed agricultural products.)

**See also**

EU-Japan trade agreement enters into force
EU-Japan trade agreement will enter into force on 1 February 2019
Guidance documents on the Rules of Origin Chapter of the EPA