

U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement

Coffee, Tea and Spices



Overview: In 2025, the United States exported \$57 million of coffee, tea and spices (incl. extracts, concentrates and preparations) to Japan, making Japan the #4 overseas market. The years below correspond to Japan’s fiscal year beginning April 1.

Product Name Japan Customs HS Code	Base Rate	Year 8 (2026)	Year 9 (2027)	Year 10 (2028)	Final Tariff (Year)	2025 Imports from U.S.
Coffee, roasted, not decaffeinated, other than certified organic 090121000	12.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$35,508,948
Partly fermented tea, in immediate packings of a content < 3 kg 090230090	17.0%		Free		Free (2023)	\$2,322,617
Coffee, roasted, decaffeinated 090122000	12.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$2,017,549
Instant coffee, not containing sugar 210111210, 210112121	8.8%		Free		Free (2019)	\$1,739,480
Instant tea 210120110	10.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$1,021,324
Black tea, in immediate packings of a content < 3 kilograms (kg) 090230010	12.0%		Free		Free (2023)	\$591,943
Preparations with a basis of tea, no sugar, contains <30% natural milk constituents by weight 210120247	15.0%		Free		Free Instant tea (2023)	\$490,871
Other extracts, essences and concentrates of tea or mate, excl. instant tea 210120120	8.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$323,587
Other coffee extracts, essences and concentrates, not containing sugar, excl. instant coffee 210111290, 210112122	15.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$199,373
Black tea (excl. waste unfit for food consumption) in immediate packings of a content < 3 kg 090240210	3.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$123,949
Green tea (not fermented), in immediate packings of a content < 3 kg 090210000	17.0%		Free		Free (2023)	\$76,667
Other spices and mixtures of two or more products under diff. headings (09.04 to 09.10), in retail containers 091091210	3.6%		Free		Free (2019)	\$43,811
Roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes 210130000	6.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$31,372
Preparations with a basis of coffee, no sugar, contains < 30% natural milk constituents by weight 210112249	15.0%		Free		Free (2023)	\$12,218
Pepper, crushed or ground, in retail containers 090412100	3.0%		Free		Free (2019)	\$0

Market Considerations: Although coffee consumption has reached plateau around 2018, Japan still purchased over 390,000 MT in 2025. Japan imports almost all of its coffee beans, and most imported coffee is caffeinated (>99%). More than 95% of green tea is still domestically produced. In 2024, Japan consumed 68,000 MT of green tea compared to 15,000 MT of black tea. Japan imported over 102,000 MT of spices in 2025. Requirement of phytosanitary certificate depends on spice, and so consult with Japan’s Plant Protection office through contracted importer(s). Japan does not allow irradiation treatment for most products, including spices.

Additional Resources: Further information is available at www.usdajapan.org. For additional questions, please contact the USDA Agricultural Trade Office at atotokyo@usda.gov, Tel: 81-3-3224-5115.