



THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

December 9, 2022

His Excellency  
Mr. TOMITA Koji  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of Japan

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to *the Protocol Amending the Trade Agreement between Japan and the United States of America*, done at Washington, DC, on June 2, 2022 (hereinafter referred to as "the Protocol"), and, in light of the completion of our respective applicable legal procedures, to propose, in accordance with Article 7 of the Protocol, that the Protocol shall enter into force on January 1, 2023."

I have the honor to accept your proposal, so that the Protocol shall enter into force on January 1, 2023.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "K. Tai".

Ambassador Katherine Tai  
United States Trade Representative