

October 7, 2019

His Excellency
Mr. SUGIYAMA Shinsuke
Ambassador of Japan to the United States of America

Excellency,

In connection with the signing of the Trade Agreement between the United States of America and Japan (the Agreement), I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan regarding imports into the United States of Japanese beef:

Immediately after the Agreement has entered into force, in accordance with its domestic law, the United States shall eliminate the 200 metric ton country specific quota for Japan and increase the “Other countries or areas” quota to 65,005 metric tons, allowing Japan access to that “Other countries or areas” quota.

I have the honor to propose that this letter, equally valid in English and Japanese, and your letter in reply, equally valid in Japanese and English, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative

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I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of October 7, 2019, which reads as follows:

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I have the further honor to confirm that my Government shares this understanding and to agree that your letter, equally valid in English and Japanese, and this letter in reply, equally valid in Japanese and English, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Trade Agreement between Japan and the United States of America.

Sincerely,

SUGIYAMA Shinsuke
Ambassador of Japan to the United States of America