

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification concerning the volume-based special safeguard (Table MA:3) was received from the delegation of **Japan** on 11 June 1998.

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Table MA:3

### MARKET ACCESS: Japan

*Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based*

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**1. Description of product:**

Condensed milk

**2. Tariff item number:**

0402.99.129, 0402.99.290

**3. Trigger level:**

(as calculated in Annex 1)

9.25 tonnes

**4. Volume of imports entering territory in current period (from 1 April 1998 to 30 April 1998):**

10.28 tonnes

**5. Period of application:**

from 1 June 1998 to 31 March 1999

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**SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: VOLUME-BASED: Annex 1 to Table MA:3**

Information Required for the Calculation of the Trigger Level

Imports in the 3 preceding years:

1995	3.16	tonnes
1996	10.94	tonnes
1997	12.31	tonnes
Average	8.80	tonnes

Consumption in the 3 preceding years:

1995	57,216.79	tonnes
1996	51,108.00	tonnes
1997	43,504.72	tonnes
Average	50,609.83	tonnes

Note: Taking into account the absolute volume change in domestic consumption of the product concerned from 1996 to 1997, the trigger level is set at 105 per cent of the average quantity of imports mentioned above, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture. Its calculation is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 9.25 \text{ tonnes} &= 105\% * 8.80 \text{ tonnes} \\ &> 125\% * 8.80 \text{ tonnes} + (43,504.72 \text{ tonnes} - 51,108.00 \text{ tonnes}) \end{aligned}$$

(Since market access opportunities (defined as imports as a percentage of the corresponding domestic consumption during the three preceding years) for the product are less than 10 per cent, the basic trigger level for the product concerned equals 125 per cent of the average imports.)

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