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Bilateral agricultural trade relations

EU agricultural trade with Japan

Japan ranks as the 5th export destination for EU agricultural and processed agricultural products. The main products exported by the EU to Japan include pork, wines and spirits, cigars and cigarettes, cheese, chocolate and sugar confectionery and other processed agricultural goods. The EU imports mainly soups and sauces, vegetable products (vegetable seeds), as well as food and cereal preparations.

EU28 agricultural trade with Japan:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/trade-analysis/statistics/outside-eu/countries/agrifood-japan_en.pdf

In March 2013 two parallel negotiations have been officially launched:

- a deep and comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) / Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), addressing all issues of shared interest to both sides including tariffs, non-tariff measures, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, services, investment, intellectual property rights including protection of geographical indications, competition and public procurement; and
- a Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), covering political, global and other sectoral cooperation in a comprehensive manner, and underpinned by their shared commitment to fundamental values and principles.