

**CPTPP Committee on Trade in Goods and
Committee on Agricultural Trade**

Committee Report

1. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Committee on Trade in Goods and Committee on Agricultural Trade were held virtually on 2nd June 2021. Delegates from the following CPTPP members participated: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Viet Nam. Mr. Takuro Tasaka, Director of Economic Partnership Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, chaired the Committee.
2. The summary of the Committee's discussion is as follows.
3. AGENDA ITEM 1:
 - The Committees adopted the agenda as attached **ANNEX A**.
4. AGENDA ITEM 2:
No changes regarding import licensing procedures since the last Committee were reported.
5. AGENDA ITEM 3:
No changes regarding export licensing procedures since the last Committee were reported.
6. AGENDA ITEM 4:
Canada and Vietnam updated information contained in the "CPTPP- Goods- Location of published information" and would share further details shortly after the Committee.
7. AGENDA ITEM 5:
 - Respective correlation tables of the members based on HS 2022 nomenclature are expected to be exchanged by the end of September 2021. If a member can't meet the deadline under unavoidable circumstances, such member should accelerate its work and share its table as soon as possible within this year.
 - The Committee took note of the difficulty ASEAN-members are facing to meet the

deadline, as they have to undertake multilateral coordination among the ASEAN countries to finalize respective national nomenclature from the perspective of harmonization.

8. AGENDA ITEM 6:

No export restrictions on foodstuffs since the last Committee were reported.

9. AGENDA ITEM 7:

- Some members noted that CPTPP contains comprehensive and detailed provisions requiring Parties to ensure TRQ administration procedures are available to the public; are fair and equitable; are no more administratively burdensome than necessary; are responsive to market conditions and allow importers the opportunity of full utilization in the TRQ administration.
- Australia and New Zealand raised several specific concerns relating to the administration of TRQs by some countries. Those concerned members would continue to discuss further online and/or on a capital basis, as appropriate.
- Some members expressed interests in compiling TRQ utilization data of all applicable members as a way to further inform this agenda item, while others expressed their concerns or reservations. Hence, the members will continue to discuss this matter further in future meetings.

10. AGENDA ITEM 8:

- Canada proposed establishment of Data Exchange Working Group and discussed the potential preliminary terms of reference. The members would further consider its proposal based on today's discussion, including the possibility to have an informal dialogue among technical experts instead of establishing the formal Working Group, and submit their official inputs on the Canadian proposal to Canada by 18th June 2021. Canada will circulate the relevant email address for input on this proposal and coordinate next steps as appropriate.
- In terms of promoting preferential tariff utilization, Japan reported an incidence of initial denial of valid self-certificate and eventual grant of preferential treatment after bilateral talks, and underscored the importance of precise understanding of relevant procedures on the part of customs personnel and prompt cooperation between Parties when a problem arises.

11. AGENDA ITEM 9:

Most members appreciated Canadian contributions to finalize the draft terms of reference (TOR) of the Working Group on Products of Modern Biotechnology, which is expected to be established under Article 2.27 of the CPTPP agreement. The Committee decided to endorse the TOR unless Mexico states otherwise by the end of June 2021. The Committee endorsed the TOR on 13th July 2021 as attached ANNEX B.

ANNEX A

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AGENDA	
Date and Time:	2nd June 2021, 9:00 am(Tokyo Time)
Venue:	Video-Conference
ITEM 1:	Adoption of the Agenda
ITEM 2:	Import Licensing Procedure Notifications (Article 2.12)
ITEM 3:	Export Licensing Procedure Notifications (Article 2.13)
ITEM 4:	Publication (Article 2.16)
ITEM 5:	Transposition of Tariff Schedule (Article 2.18)
ITEM 6:	Export Restrictions on Foodstuffs (Article 2.24)
ITEM 7:	Tariff Rate Quota and Safeguard Administration
ITEM 8:	Preferential Utilization Data Exchange
ITEM 9:	Working Group on Products of Modern Biotechnology
ITEM 10:	Committee Report