(ii) from July 1 through September 30;

(iii) from October 1 through December 31; or

(iv) from January 1 through March 31.

9. Agricultural Safeguard Measure for Beef

(a) In accordance with paragraph 2, with respect to the originating agricultural goods provided for in the tariff items indicated with "SG1*" or "SG1**" in Column "Staging Category" in the Schedule of Japan, Japan may apply an agricultural safeguard measure on those originating agricultural goods only if the conditions set out in subparagraph (b) are met.

(b) Japan may apply an agricultural safeguard measure under subparagraph (a) only if the aggregate volume of imports of those originating agricultural goods from the United States for the year exceeds the trigger level set out as follows:

(i) the trigger level as provided in subparagraph (k) for Year 1;

(ii) 242,000 metric tons for Year 2;

(iii) beginning in Year 3 and running through Year 9, the trigger level for each year shall be 4,840 metric tons greater than the trigger level in the previous year;

(iv) beginning in Year 10 and running through Year 14, the trigger level for each year shall be 2,420 metric tons greater than the trigger level in the previous year; and

(v) beginning in Year 15 and continuing every year thereafter, the trigger level for each year shall be 4,840 metric tons greater than the trigger level in the previous year.

(c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (b), Japan and the United States shall consult, by the end of the first half of Year 4, and at any time upon request of either Party, with a view to modifying the conditions for application of the agricultural safeguard measure provided in this paragraph in Year 5 and thereafter. As a result of the consultation, the modified conditions shall be effective by written agreement between Japan and the United States.

(d) (i) For the originating agricultural goods provided for in the tariff items indicated with "SG1*", the rate of customs duty referred to in paragraph 3(c) shall be:

(A) 38.5 percent, for Year 1 and Year 2;

(B) 30.0 percent, for Year 3 through Year 9;

(C) 20.0 percent, for Year 10 through Year 13;

(D) 18.0 percent, for Year 14; and

(E) beginning in Year 15 and continuing every year thereafter:

(1) one percentage point less than the rate of customs duty in the previous year, if Japan did not apply an agricultural safeguard measure under this paragraph in the previous year; or

(2) the same as the rate of customs duty in the previous year, if Japan applied an agricultural safeguard measure under this paragraph in the previous year.

(ii) For the originating agricultural goods provided for in the tariff items indicated with "SG1**", the rate of customs duty referred to in paragraph 3(c) shall be:

(A) 38.5 percent, for Year 1 and Year 2;

(B) 32.7 percent, for Year 3;

(C) 30.6 percent, for Year 4;

(D) 30.0 percent, for Year 5 through Year 9;

(E) 20.0 percent, for Year 10 through Year 13;

(F) 18.0 percent, for Year 14; and

(G) beginning in Year 15 and continuing every year thereafter:

(1) one percentage point less than the rate of customs duty in the previous year, if Japan did not apply an agricultural safeguard measure under this paragraph in the previous year; or