(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.

(iii) If the condition set out in subparagraph (b) is met in one year and as a result an agricultural safeguard measure is in effect during the following year pursuant to subparagraph (e)(ii) or (e)(iii), the rate of customs duty referred to in paragraph 3(c) for the purposes of that agricultural safeguard measure shall, for the duration of that agricultural safeguard measure, be at the level applicable for the year in which the condition set out in subparagraph (b) is met.

(e) An agricultural safeguard measure referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b) may be maintained:

(i) if the aggregate volume of imports exceeds the trigger level as provided in subparagraph (b) on or before January 31, until the end of the fiscal year in which the agricultural safeguard measure was applied;

(ii) if the aggregate volume of imports exceeds the trigger level as provided in subparagraph (b) during the month of February, for 45 days beginning from the day of the application of the agricultural safeguard measure; and

(iii) if the aggregate volume of imports exceeds the trigger level as provided in subparagraph (b) during the month of March, for 30 days beginning from the day of the application of the agricultural safeguard measure.

(f) (i) For the purposes of this paragraph, the period during which an agricultural safeguard measure may be maintained shall commence no later than the day following the fifth business day after the end of the publication period in which the aggregate volume of imports of the originating agricultural goods exceeded the trigger level set out in subparagraph (b).

(ii) For the purposes of this paragraph, as an exceptional measure taken for the implementation of this paragraph, within five business days after the end of each publication period, the customs administration of Japan shall publish the aggregate volume of imports of the originating agricultural goods as provided in subparagraph (a) from the United States between:

(A) the beginning of the fiscal year and the end of the publication period; and

(B) for Year 10 through Year 14, the beginning of the quarter and the end of the publication period.

(iii) For the purposes of this paragraph, "publication period" means:

(A) the period from the first day of each month until the 10th day of that month;

(B) the period from the 11th day of each month until the 20th day of that month; and

(C) the period from the 21st day of each month until the final day of that month.

(g) (i) Notwithstanding subparagraph (b), if, during any year from Year 10 through Year 14, the aggregate volume of imports of the originating agricultural goods provided for in the tariff items indicated with "SG1*" or "SG1**" in Column "Staging Category" of the Schedule of Japan from the United States in any quarter exceeds the quarterly safeguard trigger volume set out in subparagraph (ii), Japan may increase the rates of customs duties for such goods in accordance with paragraph 3 for a period of 90 days. The 90-day period shall commence no later than the day following the fifth business day after the end of the publication period in which the aggregate volume of imports of such goods in the quarter exceeded the quarterly safeguard trigger volume. The rate of customs duty referred to in paragraph 3(c) if the condition set out in this subparagraph (g) is met shall be:

(A) 20.0 percent, if the condition is met during Year 10 through Year 13; and

(B) 18.0 percent, if the condition is met in Year 14.

(ii) For the purposes of this subparagraph (g), the quarterly safeguard trigger volume means 117 percent of one fourth of the trigger level set out in subparagraph (b)(iv) for the respective year.