18. TRQ-17: Starch

(a) The aggregate quota quantity in a particular year of originating goods of the European Union classified under the tariff lines set out in subparagraph (d) is set out in the table below:

Year	Aggregate quota quantity (metric tonnes)
1	6,400
2	6,550
3	6,700
4	6,850
5	7,000
6	7,150
For the seventh year and for each subsequent year, the aggregate quota quantity shall remain at 7,150 metric tonnes.	

(b) (i) The in-quota rate of customs duty on originating goods of the European Union classified under the tariff lines 110812.090, 110813.090, 110814.090, 110819.019 and 110819.099 shall be duty-free, subject to levy of up to 25 per cent, only if those originating goods are imported for manufacturing starch sugar, dextrin, dextrin glue, dissolve starch, roasted starch or starch glue.

(ii) The in-quota rate of customs duty on originating goods of the European Union classified under the tariff line 110813.090 imported for other purposes than those stipulated in subparagraph (b)(i) shall be duty-free only if those originating goods are imported under the following condition:

(A) those originating goods are not used directly for retail sale or food service industry;[1] or

(B) the quota quantity to be allocated for each application made by an importer shall not exceed the limit of three multiplied by the quantity of the potato starch, specified in application, produced from domestic potato and used by the importer in Japan.

(iii) The in-quota rate of customs duty on originating goods of the European Union classified under the tariff line 110820.090 shall be duty-free.

[1] The imports under subparagraph (b)(ii)(A) are to be certified by the Government of Japan as not being used directly for retail sale or food service industry on a certificate of tariff rate quota.