Trends in TPP agreement and government correspondence: An Overview¹

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Trends after TPP agreement outline agreement

Year	Road to TPP agreement	Correspondence of the	
		Japanese government	
2015	10/5 Outline agreement	10/9	
		TPP General Headquarters	
		(Prime Minister's Office)	
		TPP headquarters (Ministry	
		of Agriculture, Forestry and	
		Fisheries)	
		10/15	
		TPP Preparation	
		Headquarters (METI)	
11/5		11/25	
	Notification of the intention	Determination of overall TPP	
	of President Obama signing	-related policy outline	
	in Congress	(TPP General Headquarters)	
	signed after 90 days	2015 supplementary budget	
		approved by the Cabinet	
		12/24	
		Publication of TPP economic	
		effect analysis (Cabinet	
		Secretariat TPP government	
		headquarters)	
2016	2/4	1/20	
	Signing of the TPP	2015 supplementary budget	
	agreement by 12 countries	established	
	(Formal agreement)	(From spring to autumn :	
	(November) presidential	prospect)	
	election	Diet approval (ratification)	
2017-2018	Effectuation		

[Conditions of TPP entry into force]

When a country has completed its domestic treaty-making processes, it will notify other TPP countries that it has done all that is required for the Agreement to enter into force. The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement will enter into force 60 days after all original signatories have notified completion of their domestic legal procedures. If this has not occurred within two years after signing, the Agreement will enter into force 60 days after the expiry of that two-year period if at least six original signatories accounting for 85 % of the

 $^{^1\,}$ If you would like to read the original paper in Japanese, please refer to the website (http://www.pref.shizuoka.jp/kikaku/documents/03-01doukou.pdf).

combined gross domestic product of the original signatories have ratified the agreement. (Reference: GDP composition ratio of the participating 12 countries; US about 60%; Japan about 17%)

The Government's corresponding measures regarding TPP: An Overview

(1) Development of TPP Policy Outline (2015.11.25) [The basic concepts]

- Clarify the goals of the policy which is truly necessary and which is to dispel anxiety about the impact of TPP
- Performs a constant inspection and review of major policies while concrete content of policy mix for 1) strategy necessary for further industrialization of agriculture, forestry and fisheries industry, 2) policy necessary for further productivity improvement and overseas expansion as well as business expansion of Japanese industry set by 2016 Autumn.

[The main measures towards the realization of the basic concepts]

Building (1) Information provision Dissemination and awareness-raising				
Japan into a	and maintenance of the	Development of consultation system for such		
new export giant	consultation system	as small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)		
giant	(2) New markets, global	Drastic strengthening of comprehensive		
	value chain	support system for new markets such for SMEs		
		Export promotion of content, services of technology, etc.		
		Strategic promotion of agricultural and fishery commodities and food commodities exports		
		Export promotion of infrastructure system		
		Establishment of overseas business environment		
Positionina	measures to direct the	Productivity improvement through promoting		
Japan as a global hub	expansion of trade and investment by TPP to the	innovation and collaboration promoted by inter-company and inter-industry cooperation		
	domestic economic recovery	promotion of inward investment activation		
	Strengthen the regional	Information dissemination about regions		
	"earning power"	Mobilization of brand of local resources		
Bringing about a new	(1) agriculture, forestry and fisheries	Conversion to proactive agriculture, forestry and fisheries (strengthen measures)		
age in agricultural administration		(2) management stability and stable supply (important 5 material-related)		
	(2) safety and security of the food	Strenathenina of imported food monitorina and auidance system, labeling of raw material origins		
	(3) intellectual property	(1) patent and trademark related matter		
		(necessary measures)		
		(2) copyright related matter (use facilitation		
		such as copyrighted material, etc.)		
	(4) Other			

The publication of the economic impact analysis (of TPP) (2015.12.24)

• Analysis of the economic effects on Japan's macro economy in case the TPP agreement enters into force

• Use of GTAP: using the (Global Trade Analysis Project: national trade analysis project) model and comparing the 2013 analysis (immediately eliminate tariffs all, no domestic measures) with the comprehensive benefit analysis reflecting the impact on tariffs based on the agreement contents as well as cost reduction of non-tariff, trade and investment promotion effects, and the productivity effect, etc.

[The expected growth mechanism]

(1) two of exogenous	1 tariff reduction		
changes caused by TPP	2 trade facilitation and reduce non-tariff barriers		
(2) endogenous growth	① import and export expansion \rightarrow trade openness rise \rightarrow		
mechanism within to move	productivity rise		
the economy	\bigcirc productivity growth \rightarrow real wage rate rise \rightarrow labor supply		
	increase		
	\bigcirc real wage increase $ ightarrow$ savings and investment increase $ ightarrow$		
	capital stock increase → expanding production capacity		

The analysis result

- \bullet At the time of the transition to the equilibrium state, real GDP + 2.6% increase, expansion effect of about 14 trillion yen (Converted using 2014 GDP), labor supply is about 80 million people, up
- (3) Corresponding in the 2015 supplementary budget TPP measures total 3,403 billion yen (supplementary budget total 3 trillion 5,030 billion yen)

[Main contents]

1. Land improvement projects 99 billion yen

Support for the integral development of further large compartmentalization and underground irrigation facilities of agricultural land, and support for such as further high-function of upland and orchards, and conversion of paddy fields to upland in order to encourage a shift to high-profit crops.

2. Production areas' power-up business **50.5 billion yen (funds)**

Support for conversion to a highly profitable crop and cultivation system through introduction of high-performance machinery and/or facilities and through restructure and reform of collecting shipment facility based on farming strategy of the region.

3. Measure to strengthening livestock, dairy profitability special measures business **61 billion yen** (funds)

Support profitability improvement measures such as leasing necessary machinery, facility development and introduction of livestock for the main management body based on the livestock cluster plan.

(4) Corresponding 2016 fiscal year budget

Expand the "proactive agriculture, forestry and fisheries" such as export promotion and management improvement (MAFF: total budget of 2.3 trillion yen)

[Main contents]

Contents	2016 budget (yen)	Compare to 2017 budget (yen)
Export promotion, achievement of higher demand of foreign visitors		
export strategy execution, environmental improvement, etc.	1.3 billion	+ 2 Billion
comprehensive export support project	1.5 billion	+ 1 Billion
 quarantine inspections facilitation support project of agricultural and livestock products for souvenirs 	50 million	+0.3 Billion
Agricultural and rural development projects, etc.		
agriculture and rural development	2,962 billion	+210 Billion
farmland cultivation conditions improvement	12.3 billion	+23 Billion yen
Management income stabilization measures, etc.	6,584 billion	▲ 293 billion
Japanese direct payment	77 billion	▲ 29 billion
Business income stabilization measures, etc.		
agricultural business improvement support	700 million	+2 Billion
experiment for establishing the advanced model agriculture model through collaboration of the agricultural industry and the business community	300 million	The same as last year
Transformation into a highly profitable crop		
 Farmland cultivation conditions improvement (highly profitable crop conversion type) 	12.3 billion yen	new

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