



U.S.-JAPAN TRADE AGREEMENT INSTRUCTIONS DECEMBER 31, 2019

U.S. Customs has [issued](#) instructions for claiming preferential treatment under the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA). The USJTA enters into force on January 1, 2020. In order to receive preferential treatment, a good must be originating and meet all USJTA requirements. The limited list of products covered by the agreement and specific rules of origin are outlined in [Annex II](#) to the USJTA and will be added to General Note 36 of the HTSUS at a later date. Note there are staged duty reductions.

Customs has provided specific guidance for filing USJTA claims for preferential treatment in ACE. The country of origin, country of export, and special program indicator must all be “JP.” Unlike other trade agreements, USJTA goods are subject to merchandise processing fees. However, these filing instructions will apply beginning January 14, 2020.

For the interim period between January 1, 2020 to January 13, 2020, Customs has provided different instructions on making USJTA claims. As ACE will not accept the “JP” special program indicator until January 14, 2020, importers must pay duties on USJTA qualifying merchandise and request retroactive refunds by filing Post-Summary Corrections (PSCs) for goods entered between January 1, 2020 and January 13, 2020. These PSCs must be filed after January 14, 2020 when ACE begins to accept the “JP” special program indicator.

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