TRADE AGREEMENT REGARDING TARIFF BARRIERS WITH JAPAN

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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A NOTIFICATION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REACHED AN INITIAL TRADE AGREEMENT REGARDING TARIFF BARRIERS WITH JAPAN, PURSUANT TO 19 U.S.C. 4202(a)(2); PUBLIC LAW 114–26, SEC. 103(a)(2); (129 STAT. 333)

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To the Congress of the United States:

On October 16, 2018, my Administration notified the Congress that I intended to initiate trade negotiations with Japan on a United States-Japan Trade Agreement. As stated in that notification and subsequent consultations with the Congress, my Administration proposed pursuing negotiations with Japan in stages. I am pleased to report that my Administration has reached an initial trade agreement regarding tariff barriers (the “agreement”) with Japan and I intend to enter into the agreement in the coming weeks.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 103(a)(2) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–26, Title I) (the “Act”), I hereby notify the Congress that I intend to enter into a trade agreement regarding tariff barriers with Japan under section 103(a) of the Act.

In addition, I also will be entering into an Executive Agreement with Japan regarding digital trade.

My Administration looks forward to continued collaboration with the Congress on further negotiations with Japan to achieve a comprehensive trade agreement that results in more fair and reciprocal trade between the United States and Japan.

DONALD J. TRUMP.