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- Customs Act
- Cabinet Order for Enforcement of the Temporary Tariff Measures Law
- Ordinance of Ministry of Finance for Enforcement of the Temporary Tariff Measures Law
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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

MOFA Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

MOF Ministry of Finance of Japan

HS Harmonized System, the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System

GSP Generalized System of Preferences

GPT General preferential tariff

LDCs Least developed countries

LDCT Least developed country tariff

MFN Most favoured nation

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