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The EU imported in 2014-2016 on average EUR 60 billion from Japan, while Japan imported slightly more from the EU (EUR 62 billion) in 2014-2016. However, only 0.4% of the EU's exports was in dairy products, because of very high tariffs and tariff rate quotas applied by Japan. 13% of the EU's imports from Japan were cars (10% tariff applicable in the EU).

The Commission is aware that rates of lactose intolerance vary amongst populations and that dairy producers have developed products and strategies to address this issue.

The Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment published in 2016¹ provides an assessment of the possible measurable impact on climate of the Economic Partnership Agreement. In any case, the Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and Japan does not contain any particular encouragement to increase the overall consumption of dairy products.

¹ http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/may/tradoc_154522.pdf