

A3. Japan

A3.1 Products exempted from the illegality of resale price maintenance¹⁰³

As discussed in the Chapter 4, in Japan 40 years ago a number of products were declared exempt and unchallengeable as a RPM violation of the AML. The list of exempted products was revised in 1973. In April 1993, the RPM exempted designations for 13 "cosmetics" and 12 "general non-prescription drugs and remedies" products were removed. The following is a list of the remaining RPM exempt products.

RPM Exempt Cosmetics

- Hair conditioners
- Hair sprays
- Creams
- Foundations
- Cosmetic water
- Lipsticks
- Lip creams
- Hair removers

RPM Exempt "General Non-Prescription Drugs and Remedies"

- Fever and pain killers
- Ordinary cold remedies
- Eye medications
- Cardiotonic drugs
- Dental and other oral medications
- Stomach medications
- Laxatives and enemas
- Bowel regulators
- General digestive medications
- Hemorrhoidal medicines
- Skin antiseptics
- Painkillers, rash ointments, astringents, antiphlogistics
- Parasitic skin disease drugs

¹⁰³ Fair Trade Commission of Japan, Annex to "Revision of Designated Resale Products", April 15, 1992 (in Japanese).