

of Liquor Control Board of Ontario policies to reduce complexity and increase clarity and flexibility, to smooth the flow of liquor.

Japan's FTAs/EPAs with Other Countries

Free trade agreements (FTAs) are trade policy instruments that aim to liberalize and remove barriers in trade and investment between member trading partners. However, they may also have the effect of diverting trade away from other countries that are not party to the FTA. In recent years, Japan has been engaging in an increasing number of FTAs that could negatively affect and limit trade with Canada. A range of issues have been expressed by stakeholders in this regard and include, for example, concern about the potential impacts of Japan's EPAs in sectors such as beef, pork, seafood and wheat, among others. Japan's conclusion of EPAs with countries other than Canada will lead to a destabilizing effect on bilateral trade, as trade diverts to countries granted preferential access under an FTA.