

(\$1,168), while frozen beef accounted for 203,268 MT (\$931). Out of the total imports, boneless beef accounted for 400,386 MT (98.1%) (i.e. remaining 7,815 MT (1.9%) was bone-in beef).

With respect to the boneless imports, chilled beef accounted for 201,859 MT and frozen 198,527 MT. Breaking the imports down by boneless cut: chuck/clod/round equalled 165,978 MT (41.5%), brisket/plate equalled 113,788 MT (28.4%), loin equalled 81,666 MT (20.4%), and other cuts equalled 38,954 MT (9.7%).

ii) Imports from Canada, quantity and value; Canadian % share of market.

Canadian Beef imports were 944 MT (Cdn\$ 5 million) in 1992, which represents 0.2% of the total Japanese beef imports both in quantity and dollar value, ranking Canada 4th/5th among the top 5 supplying countries (Australia, USA, New Zealand, Canada, and Vanuatu). Out of the 944 MT, boneless beef accounted for 919 MT (0.2% of Japanese boneless imports), and bone-in accounted for 25 MT (0.3%). The Canadian imports were made up of 791 MT of frozen beef (0.4% of Japanese frozen beef imports), and 152 MT of chilled beef (0.1% of Japanese chilled beef imports). Breaking the boneless (919 MT) Canadian imports down by cut: brisket/plate equalled 628 MT (or 0.6% of Japanese brisket/plate imports), loin equalled 199 MT (0.2%), chuck/clod/round equalled 87 MT (0.1%), and other cuts equalled 5 MT (0.01%).

iii) Imports from major suppliers, quantity and value.

Australia exported 214,322 MT of beef to Japan (valued at Cdn\$ 848 million), accounting for 52.5% of total Japanese imports, while the USA exported 182,868 MT of beef to Japan (valued at Cdn\$ 1,201 million and 44.8% of total Japanese imports), New Zealand exported 8,214 MT to Japan (valued at \$40 million, corresponding to 2% of Japan's beef imports), and Vanuatu 1,149 MT valued at \$3 million and representing 0.3% of Japan's beef imports.

Japan's top five beef suppliers altogether account for 99.8% of its beef import requirements in terms of quantity and value. While the import quantity coming from the USA is less than Australia, the import value of American beef is higher than that of Australia (due to a higher ratio of loin imports). This pattern also applies to Canada and Vanuatu, i.e. loins imports from Vanuatu 57 MT are about half of that of Canada.