

Meat Processing Machinery Imports

Approximately 15 per cent of all meat processing equipment in Japan is imported. However, 50 per cent of all industrial meat processing equipment is, reportedly, imported. When technical transfer-related equipment is taken into account, the figure rises to 60 per cent.

Meat machinery imports steadily increased between 1984 and 1988, due mainly to increased capital investment by domestic meat processors (see Table 6).

Table 6

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Year	Value (¥ million)
1984	1 985
1985	1 835
1986	1 842
1987	2 983
1988	2 985

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Table 7

Importers of Meat Processing Machinery

Importer	Product	Supplier
Kaigai Tsusho K.K.	Piston-type sausage fillers	Albert Handtmann; Maschinenfabrik, GmbH (F.R.G.)
	Smoke rooms	Wilhelm Fessmann, GmbH (F.R.G.)
	Forming/portioning bakery machines	Koppens Maschinenfabrik BV (Netherlands)
	Meat and cheese slicers	TOBY Enterprises (U.S.)
Kyokuto Boeki Kaisha Ltd.	Presses, power cleavers, trimmers and tenderizers for raw meat	Bettcher Industries Inc. (U.S.)
	Mince masters and stuffing pumps	Karl Schnell (F.R.G.)
	Batter/breading machines	Stein Associates Inc. (U.S.)
	Beef and fish skinning machines	Townsend Engineering Co. (U.S.)
The Tosho Co. Ltd.	Meat bone separators	Machinefabriek Amersfoort (Netherlands)
	Ham massagers	Roescherwerke GmbH (F.R.G.)
	Meat presses/slicers	Ross Industries (U.S.)
	Meat dicers	Holac Maschinenbau GmbH (F.R.G.)
	Patty forming machines	Provatec AG (Switzerland)
Siber Kikai K.K.	Patty moulding machines	Formax, Inc. (U.S.)