

### FACT SHEET: IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Prime Minister Abbott and Japanese Prime Minister Abe signed the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA) and its Implementing Agreement on 8 July 2014 in Canberra.

This followed the conclusion of negotiations for the JAEPA announced by Prime Minister Abbott and Prime Minister Abe in Tokyo on 7 April 2014.

Since the conclusion of negotiations officials have been engaged in finalising the text of the Agreement, translating the English language text into Japanese language and then verifying the translation for accuracy. This had to be completed before signature and the public release of the text.

To bring JAEPA into force the following steps must now be completed:

- The text of the Agreement along with a National Interest Analysis will be **tabled in the Australian Parliament** for 20 joint sitting days and will be considered by the **Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (JSCOT)**
- **Amendments to relevant legislation** will be introduced to Parliament
- Japan will undertake its own domestic treaty-making processes during this period, including approval by Japan's Parliament.

Australia and Japan are aiming to complete their domestic treaty processes this year. Once this occurs, both countries will **exchange Diplomatic Notes** to certify they are ready for entry into force of the Agreement. **JAEPA will enter into force** 30 days after the exchange of notes.

Australia's treaty-making process is set out at <http://www.dfat.gov.au/treaties/making/>