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Oil imports to Japan rose 12 % in September from year-earlier levels , according to statistics released ev-w2629f1 _ _ _ _ _ government 's Ministry of International Trade and Industry . The imports , totaling 98.5 million barrels , were 11 % lower than August levels . While Mideast crude imports were higher compared with year-earlier levels , they fell 18 % compared with August imports .

Southeast Asian crude imports , however , were 3.6 % higher than August .