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## US Spied On Japan's Secret WTO Plan

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### Description

This is a Secret US National Security Agency (NSA) 2009 report derived from intelligence intercepts of officials within the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. The report indicates that the National Security Agency had gained access to a list of talking points drafted by the Ministry for minister Shigeru Ishiba's use at a planned meeting with the US Trade Representative during an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) event in Paris. The talking points relate to agricultural import rules under negotiation at the Doha Development Round of the World Trade Organization (WTO). This issue gave rise to a split between developed and developing countries in 2008, resulting in an ongoing impasse at the Doha Round.

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Japanese Agriculture Minister to Address WTO Issues With USTR on Margins of OECD Talks (TS//SI//NF)

(TS//SI//NF) The Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries drafted talking points on 20 June for Minister Shigeru Ishiba's use at a meeting to address issues related to the Doha Round with the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), which is to take place in Paris on the margins of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) trade ministerial. (According to press, Ishiba said that he will visit Paris for 4 days, beginning tomorrow, where he will explain Tokyo's position as a major food importer, referring to the stance it takes in the Doha round of multilateral trade-liberalization talks. During his visit, Ishiba plans to hold separate talks with WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy and the USTR.) Among the points that may be addressed with the USTR are U.S. commitment to concluding the Doha Round negotiations by mid-2010. Regarding the implementation of outcome testing, Ishiba may ask how the USTR will counter developing countries' opposition to holding consultations on special products. The Minister could also address the need to ensure that the results of the WTO agriculture negotiations do not curtail agriculture in the member countries, and Japan's anticipation of an early appointment by the USTR of a chief agricultural negotiator. Other topics that may be broached are fisheries subsidies, the need for bilateral consultations on individual products, and tariffs on forestry and fishery products.

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