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Japan Seeking Food Wheat and Barley in Tender – 2009/02

In tenders under the simultaneous buy and sell (SBS) system in Japan closing on February 18th, the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture is seeking to buy a total 38,160 tonnes of food wheat, 34,000 tonnes of food barley and 7,500 tonnes of malt barley.

A breakdown of the ministry's requirements are as follows: 31,800 tonnes of milling wheat, 34,000 tonnes of food barley and 5,000 tonnes of malt barley are for bulk imports with a minimum lot of 1,000 tonnes; the remaining 6,360 tonnes of food wheat and 2,500 tonnes of malt barley are for container-based shipments with a minimum lot of 100 tonnes.

An official with the Ministry of Agriculture state that all shipments must be made between the time contracts are made and May 31st.

Note: The SBS system allows users to negotiate directly with trading firms and decide the grain's origin, price and quantity before together placing bids to the government.

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