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The 19th round (a full round) will take place in Brussels from 15-19 May. The session on market access will start from 12 May. It is expected that Services chapter will be by and large closed. Agriculture is held captive of the dairy sector reform. If the reform bill passes the current Diet session, MAFF would be more at ease to finalise agricultural market access negotiations and chances for a political agreement by the planned the EU-Japan summit in July would be notably increased. After the Brussels Round, there will be another set of negotiations most likely in Tokyo in the second half of June.

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