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Report Highlights:

Japan's National Tax Agency (NTA) published a list of 14 proposed geographical indications (GIs) for alcoholic beverages from European Union Member States, including Greece, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, and Slovakia. The NTA will accept public comments on the proposal by June 1, 2026.

On April 30, 2026, Japan's National Tax Agency (NTA) published a [list](#) of 14 newly proposed geographical indications (GIs) for alcoholic beverages from the European Union (EU). The proposal is based on Article 14.30 of [the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement](#) (EPA), which entered into force February 1, 2019. The proposed beverages include 10 wines, 2 spirits, and 2 additional alcoholic beverages from Greece, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, and Slovakia.

Table: Proposed 14 EU Alcoholic Beverages for GI Protection

ID#	Name	Country	Type of Product
1	Μακεδονία/ Makedonia	Greece	Wine
2	Castilla y León	Spain	Wine
3	Costers del Segre	Spain	Wine
4	Cidre de Bretagne/ Cidre Breton	France	Other
5	Cidre de Normandie/ Cidre Normand	France	Other
6	Eger / Egri	Hungary	Wine
7	Villány/ Villányi	Hungary	Wine
8	Amarone della Valpolicella	Italy	Wine
9	delle Venezie/ Beneških okolišev	Italy	Wine
10	Trauktinė	Lithuania	Spirit
11	Malta	Malta	Wine
12	Beira Interior	Portugal	Wine
13	Terras da Beira	Portugal	Wine
14	Trenčianska borovička JUNIPERUS/ Trenčianska borovička JUNIPERIERS – TRENČÍN DISTILLERY	Slovakia	Spirit

How to Submit Comments to the NTA:

The NTA is holding a public comment period regarding the application of these 14 beverages. All comments must be submitted in Japanese via regular mail, fax, or “[e-GOV](#)” by June 1, 2026.

- **Mailing Address:** International Negotiation Second Unit, Export Promotion Office, Liquor Tax Division, Taxation Department, National Tax Agency
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- **Online:** [e-GOV](#) (check “agree to terms and conditions,” then click “意見入力へ” to submit comments)

Periodically, additional EU and United Kingdom (UK) products receive GI protection in the Japanese market. For recent developments on Japan's GI protections for EU and UK alcoholic beverages, see [JA2023-0123](#), [JA2022-0119](#), [JA2021-0164](#), and [JA2021-0111](#).

Attachments:

No Attachments.