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Report Name: Japan Proposes GI Protection for 13 Additional EU Products

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Report Highlights:

Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) proposed 13 new geographical indications (GIs) for EU food products. MAFF is accepting public comments on the proposal through November 4, 2025.

General Information

On August 1, 2025, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) opened a public comment period for [13 newly proposed geographical indications](#) (GIs) for food products from the European Union (EU). The list includes six types of cheese, three types of meat products, two types of fruits, raisins, and oil. The comment period will close on November 4, 2025, and all comments must be submitted in Japanese. After the comment period ends, MAFF will convene an expert committee meeting and make the final determination of the GI status of these products.

Table: Newly Proposed GIs for Food Products from EU

ID#	Country	Product Name	Product Type	Class
185	Austria	Gailtaler Speck	Bacon	Class 6: Livestock products
186	Bulgaria	Bulgarsko byalo salamureno sirene	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
187	Cyprus	Χαλλούμι/Hellim	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
188	Greece	Korinthiaki Stafida Vostitsa	Raisin	Class 5: Processed ag products
189	Croatia	Dalmatinska pečenica	Ham	Class 6: Livestock products
190	Croatia	Neretvanska mandarina	Mandarin	Class 1: Ag Products
191	Ireland	Irish Grass Fed Beef	Beef	Class 6: Livestock products
192	Lithuania	Džiugas	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
193	Malta	Ġbejna tan-Nagħaġ	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
194	Netherlands	Hollandse Geitenkaas	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
195	Netherlands	Noord-Hollandse Gouda	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
196	Poland	Jabłka grójeckie	Apple	Class 1: Ag Products
197	Slovenia	Štajersko prekmursko bučno olje	Pumpkin Seed Oil	Class 9: Edible Oil

Submission Guidelines

Comments on the [13 newly proposed EU GI designations](#) must be submitted in Japanese using the designated [submission form](#). The form must be stamped with the submitter's seal or signed. MAFF will accept comments until November 4, 2025. Submissions can be made in person, by mail, or via email. For more details, please refer to the [MAFF website](#) (available in Japanese only).

- **Email submissions:** Send a scanned copy of the completed submission form, stamped with the submitter's seal or signed, to gi-info@maff.go.jp.
- **In-person or mail submissions:** MAFF will accept in person submissions between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, and between 1:00-5:00 pm (except Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays).

Address submissions to:

Intellectual Property Division, Export and International Bureau,
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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Attachments:

No Attachments.