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Report Highlights:

Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) proposed 29 new geographical indications (GI) for UK food products, including lamb, beef, ham, sausage, cheese, seafood, vegetables, and fruit. MAFF will accept public comments on the GI proposal by September 17, 2024.

General Information:

On June 17, 2024, under the [Japan-United Kingdom \(UK\) Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement \(JA2021-0005\)](#), Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) published a [list](#) of 29 newly proposed geographical indications (GIs) for agricultural products from the UK. The list includes 6 types of cheese, 4 fish, 2 oysters, 5 lamb products, 1 beef product, 3 ham and sausage products, 2 fruits, 2 potatoes, and 4 vegetables (see table). MAFF is holding a public comment period regarding the application of these 29 products through September 17, 2024.

In January 2019, the UK gained access to the Japanese market for beef and lamb after a decade long ban.

UK and European Union (EU) periodically pursue GI protection in the Japanese market ([JA2021-0020](#)). As of June 2024, [MAFF](#) reciprocally protects 151 foreign agricultural and fishery GI products, including 121 products from the EU and 30 products from the UK. Simultaneously, 108 and 77 Japanese GI products, such as Kobe Beef, are reciprocally protected in the EU and UK, respectively (see [MAFF website](#)). It is important to note that the National Tax Agency separately oversees GI protection for alcoholic beverages.

How to Submit Comments to MAFF:

Comments on the 29 newly proposed GI designations must be submitted using the [submission form](#), which is to be stamped with the submitter's seal or signed. MAFF will accept comments submitted by September 17, 2024. Comments can be provided in the following methods:

In-person or via mail to:

Intellectual Property Division, Export and International Bureau
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
1-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8950, Japan

MAFF will accept comments in-person Monday-Friday, except for holidays, at the address above, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, and from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Via e-mail:

gi-info@maff.go.jp – the email will need to include a digital scan of the submission form signed or stamped with the submitter's seal.

Please see detailed information in Japanese on the [MAFF website](#). After the closure of the public comment period, MAFF will hold an expert committee meeting and then make a final decision on the designation of GIs for the products.

Table. UK Proposed 29 Agricultural and Fishery Products for GI Protection

ID#	Product Name	Product Type	Class
156	Armagh Bramley Apple	Apple	Class 1: Ag Products
157	Ayrshire New Potatoes/ Ayrshire Earlies	Potato	Class 1: Ag Products
158	Beacon Fell Traditional Lancashire Cheese	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
159	Bonchester Cheese	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
160	Buxton Blue	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
161	Cambrian Mountains Lamb	Lamb	Class 2: Fresh Meat
162	Carmarthen Ham	Ham	Class 6: Livestock products
163	Cornish Sardines	Sardine	Class 4: Seafood
164	Dovedale Cheese	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
165	Fal Oyster	Oyster	Class 4: Seafood
166	Fenland Celery	Celery	Class 1: Ag Products
167	Gower Salt Marsh Lamb	Lamb	Class 2: Fresh Meat
168	Lakeland Herdwick	Lamb	Class 2: Fresh Meat
169	New Forest Pannage Ham	Ham	Class 6: Livestock products
170	New Season Comber Potatoes/ Comber Earlies	Potato	Class 1: Ag Products
171	Newmarket Sausage	Sausage	Class 6: Livestock products
172	Orkney Beef	Beef	Class 2: Fresh Meat
173	Orkney Lamb	Lamb	Class 2: Fresh Meat
174	Scottish Wild Salmon	Salmon	Class 4: Seafood
175	Shetland Lamb	Lamb	Class 2: Fresh Meat
176	Swaledale Ewes Cheese	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
177	Teviotdale Cheese	Cheese	Class 6: Livestock products
178	The Vale of Clwyd Denbigh Plum	Plum	Class 1: Ag Products
179	Vale of Evesham Asparagus	Asparagus	Class 1: Ag Products
180	Welsh Leeks	Leek	Class 1: Ag Products
181	West Wales Coracle Caught Salmon	Salmon	Class 4: Seafood
182	West Wales Coracle Caught Sewin	Trout	Class 4: Seafood
183	Whitstable Oysters	Oyster	Class 4: Seafood
184	Yorkshire Forced Rhubarb	Rhubarb	Class 1: Ag Products

Attachments:

No Attachments.