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Report Highlights:

Japan's National Tax Agency (NTA) proposed 9 new geographical indications (GIs) for alcoholic beverages from the United Kingdom. NTA will accept public comments on the proposal through January 16, 2023.

General Information

After the Japan-European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) went into effect on February 1, 2019, Japan's National Tax Agency (NTA) recognized geographical indication (GI) protections for 139 EU-produced alcoholic beverages (see [JA8003](#)), including Scotch Whisky. Following the United Kingdom's (UK) exit from the EU, UK and Japan concluded the [UK-Japan Comprehensive EPA](#) (see [JA2021-0005](#)), and [NTA](#) recognized GIs for Scotch Whisky, UK-produced Irish Cream and UK-produced Irish Whisky. On December 22, 2021, the NTA proposed [10 additional GIs for UK alcoholic beverages](#)¹ ([JA2021-0164](#)).

On December 16, 2022, the NTA published a [list of 9 more GIs](#) for alcoholic beverages from the UK: 2 types of wine, and 7 other categories of alcoholic beverages, such as cider.

Table 1. Newly Proposed GIs for Alcoholic Beverages from the UK

ID#	Name	Type of Product
1	Darnibole	Wine
2	Gloucestershire cider	Other
3	Gloucestershire perry	Other
4	Rutland Bitter	Other
5	Traditional Welsh Cider	Other
6	Traditional Welsh Perry	Other
7	Worcestershire cider	Other
8	Worcestershire perry	Other
9	Sussex	Wine

How to Submit Comments to the NTA

Comments on [Japan's new proposal of GI protection for 9 additional alcohol products from the UK](#) must be submitted in Japanese online, via mail or fax by January 16, 2023.

Online: [e-GOV](#). After agreeing to the conditions, click “意見入力へ” to submit your comment.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.

¹ As of December 19, 2022, the NTA has not officially extended the GI protection to these 10 UK alcoholic beverages.