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Report Highlights:

Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) proposed 15 new geographical indications (GIs) for EU food products, including cheese, sausage, olive oil, vinegar, fruits and garlic. MAFF will accept public comments on the proposal through April 12, 2023.

General Information

On January 12, 2023, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) published for public comment a list of [15 newly proposed geographical indications](#) (GIs) for food products from the European Union (EU). The products include 7 types of cheese, 2 types of sausages, 2 types of olive oil, vinegar, peach, lemon and garlic. Please see [JA2021-0112](#) and [JA2020-0141](#) for information about MAFF's earlier GI proposals for EU products.

Table: Newly Proposed GIs for EU Food Products

ID#	Country	Name of Product	Type
141	Croatia	Korčulansko maslinovo ulje	Olive Oil
142	France	Époisses	Cheese
143	France	Mont d'Or / Vacherin du Haut-Doubs	Cheese
144	France	Raclette de Savoie	Cheese
145	Greece	Λακωνία (Lakonia)	Olive Oil
146	Italy	Cotechino Modena	Sausage
147	Italy	Finocchiona	Sausage
148	Italy	Limone di Siracusa	Lemon
149	Spain	Ajo Morado de Las Pedroñeras	Garlic
150	Spain	Arzúa-Ulloa	Cheese
151	Spain	Melocotón de Calanda	Peach
152	Spain	Queso de Valdeón	Cheese
153	Spain	Queso de Murcia al vino	Cheese
154	Spain	San Simón da Costa	Cheese
155	Spain	Vinagre de Jerez	Vinegar

How to Submit Comments to MAFF

Comments on the [15 newly proposed EU GI designations](#) must be submitted in Japanese using the [submission form](#), which must be signed or stamped with the submitter's seal. MAFF will accept comments submitted in-person, via mail or e-mail through April 12, 2023. Please see the [MAFF website](#) (in Japanese only) for more details. Following the public comment period, MAFF will hold an expert committee meeting and make the final determination of the GI status of these products.

- **E-mail to gi-info@maff.go.jp** must include a scan of the submission form signed or stamped with the submitter's seal.
- **Address for in-person¹ or mail submission:**
Intellectual Property Division, Export and International Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, 1-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8950, Japan

Attachments:

No Attachments.

¹ MAFF will accept in-person submissions between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, and between 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm (except Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays).