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**Report Name:** Japan Proposes GI Protection for Single Malt Welsh Whisky from UK

**Country:** Japan

**Post:** Tokyo

**Report Category:** Agricultural Situation, Country/Regional FTA's, Beverages

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**Report Highlights:**

Japan's National Tax Agency (NTA) proposed to recognize Single Malt Welsh Whisky as a geographical indication (GI) alcoholic beverage from the United Kingdom (UK). The NTA will accept public comments on the proposal through December 1, 2023.

## General Information:

Under the [United Kingdom \(UK\)-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement \(EPA\)](#) implemented on January 1, 2021 (see [JA2021-0005](#)), Japan's National Tax Agency (NTA) recognized geographical indications (GI) for Scotch Whisky, UK-produced Irish Cream, and UK-produced Irish Whisky (see [here](#)). The NTA is also in process<sup>1</sup> to protect UK-proposed 19 alcoholic beverages (see [JA2021-0164](#), [JA2022-0119](#)) as of November 2023.

On November 2, 2023, the NTA proposed to add Single Malt Welsh Whisky (*Wisgi Cymreig Brag Sengl*, *Wysgi Cymreig Brag Sengl*, or *Chwisgi Cymreig Brag Senglto*) to GI spirits from the United Kingdom.

## How to Submit Comments to the NTA:

Comments on the proposal for GI protection must be submitted in Japanese via mail, fax, or the “[e-GOV](#)” system by December 1, 2023.

### Mail:

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[e-GOV](#) click “意見入力へ” to submit your comment.

## Attachments:

No Attachments.

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<sup>1</sup> The NTA is waiting for the UK Parliament to pass a related bill to protect these items in Japan.