

Part 15: Article 4(1)(xvii) (Indication of Origin of Wines or Spirits)

is comprised of a mark indicating a place of origin of wines or spirits of Japan which has been designated by the Commissioner of the Patent Office, or a mark indicating a place of origin of wines or spirits of a member of the World Trade Organization which is prohibited by the said member from being used on wines or spirits not originating from the region of the said member, if such a trademark is used in connection with wines or spirits not originating from the region in Japan or of the said member;

1. This paragraph applies not only in a case where a trademark includes a mark indicating the origin of, for example, wines or spirits in characters used in the place but also in a case where a trademark includes a mark indicating the origin of wines or spirits in phonetic katakana characters or other characters recognized as its translation.

2. “Wines” as prescribed in this paragraph include alcohol-added wines. “Spirits” include, for example, Awamori (distilled spirits of millets), Shochu (Japanese white liquor), whiskey, vodka, brandy, rum, gin, Gaoliangjiou (distilled spirits of kaoliang), Baiganr (distilled spirits of kaoliang), etc. but do not include liquors.