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Designation of the Place of Origin based on the Provision under Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act

The designation of the place of origin based on the provision under Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act is described in Patent Office Gazette (public notice) of November 24, 1995, of April 23, 2004, of January 25, 2006, of April 25, 2006, of July 26, 2013, November 22, 2018 and of July 20 2021 (See Annexes).

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Examination Guidelines for Trademarks:

[Article 4\(1\)\(xvii\) \(Indication of Origin of Wines or Spirits\)](#)

[Patent Office Gazette (public notice) issued on August 25, 2021]

Designation of the Place of Origin of Wines or Spirits prescribed in Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act

The mark indicating “place of origin” designated under the provision of Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act is as follows:

July 20, 2021
MORI Kiyoshi
Commissioner, JPO

Place of origin	Type of liquor	*Mark indicating the place of origin
Yamagata Prefecture	Wine	山形 (Yamagata)
Nagano Prefecture	Wine	長野 (Nagano)
Osaka Prefecture	Wine	大阪 (Osaka)

* “山形(Yamagata),” “長野(Nagano)” and “大阪(Osaka)” listed as the marks indicating the places of origin are only shown as examples of such marks.

[Patent Office Gazette (public notice) issued on November 22, 2018]

Designation of the Place of Origin of Wines or Spirits prescribed in Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act

The mark indicating “place of origin” designated under the provision of Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act is as follows:

October 31, 2018
Naoko Munakata
Commissioner, JPO

Place of origin	Type of liquor	*Mark indicating the place of origin
Hokkaido	Wine	北海道 (Hokkaido)

* “北海道(Hokkaido)” listed as a mark indicating the place of origin is only shown as an example of such marks.

[Patent Office Gazette (public notice) issued on July 26, 2013]

Designation of the Place of Origin of Wines or Spirits prescribed in Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act

The mark indicating “place of origin” designated under the provision of Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act is as follows:

July 26, 2013
Hideo Hato
Commissioner, JPO

Place of origin	Type of liquor	*Mark indicating the place of origin
Yamanashi Prefecture	Wine	山梨 (Yamanashi)

* “山梨(Yamanashi)” listed as a mark indicating the place of origin is only shown as an example of such marks.

[Patent Office Gazette (public notice) issued on April 25, 2006]

Designation of the Place of Origin of Wines or Spirits prescribed in Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act

Regarding to the designation of the place of origin of wines or spirits designated on December 28, 2005 under the provision of Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act (Act No. 127 of 1959), “Kagoshima Prefecture (excluding Naze City and Oshima County)” in the place of origin column was changed into “Kagoshima Prefecture (excluding Amami City and Oshima County)” as shown in the table below. This shall apply from March 20, 2006 pursuant to “the division or amalgamation of city, town” in the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications Public Notice No. 921 of August 16, 2005.

March 20, 2006
Makoto Nakajima
Commissioner, JPO

Place of origin	Type of liquor	*Mark indicating the place of origin
Kagoshima Prefecture (excluding Amami City and Oshima County)	<i>Shochu</i> (Japanese white liquor)	薩摩 (Satsuma)

* “薩摩 (Satsuma)” listed as a mark indicating the place of origin is only shown as an example of such marks.

[Patent Office Gazette (public notice) issued on January 25, 2006]

Designation of the Place of Origin of Wines or Spirits prescribed in Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act

The mark indicating “place of origin” designated under the provision of Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act is as follows:

December 28, 2005
Makoto Nakajima
Commissioner, JPO

Place of origin	Type of liquor	*Mark indicating the place of origin
Kagoshima Prefecture (excluding Naze City and Oshima County)	<i>Shochu</i> (Japanese white liquor)	薩摩 (Satsuma)

* “薩摩 (Satsuma)” listed as a mark indicating the place of origin is only shown as an example of such marks.

[Patent Office Gazette (public notice) issued on April 23, 2004]

Designation of the Place of Origin of Wines or Spirits prescribed in Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act

Regarding to the designation of the place of origin of wines or spirits designated on October 3, 1995 under the provision of Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act (Act No. 127 of 1959), “Iki County, Nagasaki Prefecture” in the place of origin column was changed into “Iki City, Nagasaki Prefecture” as shown in the table below. This shall apply from March 1, 2004 pursuant to “the division or amalgamation of city, town” in the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications Public Notice No. 488 of August 1, 2005.

March 18, 2004
Yasuo Imai
Commissioner, JPO

Place of origin	Type of liquor	*Mark indicating the place of origin
Iki City, Nagasaki Prefecture	<i>Shochu</i> (Japanese white liquor)	壱岐 (Iki)
Hitoyoshi City, Kuma County, Kumamoto Prefecture	<i>Shochu</i> (Japanese white liquor)	球磨 (Kuma)
Okinawa Prefecture	<i>Shochu</i> (Japanese white liquor)	琉球 (Ryukyu)

* “壱岐 (Iki),” “球磨 (Kuma)” and “琉球 (Ryukyu)” listed as the marks indicating the places of origin are only shown as examples of such marks.

(Annex Reference)

[Patent Office Gazette (public notice) issued on November 24, 1995]

**Designation of the Place of Origin under the Provision of Article 4(1)(xvii) of the
Trademark Act**

The mark indicating “place of origin” designated under the provision of Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act is as follows:

Date of designation: October 3, 1995

Place of origin	Type of liquor	*Mark indicating the place of Origin
Iki County, Nagasaki Prefecture	<i>Shochu</i> (Japanese white liquor)	壹岐 (Iki)
Hitoyoshi City, Kuma County, Kumamoto Prefecture	<i>Shochu</i> (Japanese white liquor)	球磨 (Kuma)
Okinawa Prefecture	<i>Shochu</i> (Japanese white liquor)	琉球 (Ryukyu)

* “壹岐 (Iki),” “球磨 (Kuma)” and “琉球 (Ryukyu)” listed as the marks indicating the places of origin are only shown as examples of such marks.

Yuji Kiyokawa
Commissioner, JPO