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Agreements between Foreign Governments, etc. and Japan

1. Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and other agreements concluded between foreign governments, etc. and the Government of Japan have recently included provisions for the protection of geographical indications of wines and spirits, which is also stipulated by the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), and these governments, etc. and Japan have agreed on the geographical indications covered by the protection.
2. This material shows information on the geographical indications provided by EPAs, and it is one of the reference materials for examining the applications covered by Article 3(1)(iii) and Article 4(1)(xvi) and (xvii) of the Trademark Act.

	Countries, etc.	Agreements	Related Provisions
1	United Mexican States	Agreement between Japan and the United Mexican States for the Strengthening of the Economic Partnership (effective April 2005)	Article 3(1)(iii), Article 4(1)(xvi), and Article 4(1)(xvii) of the Trademark Act
2	Republic of Chile	Agreement between Japan and the Republic of Chile for a Strategic Economic Partnership (effective September 2007)	
3	Swiss Confederation	Agreement on Free Trade and Economic Partnership between Japan and the Swiss Confederation (effective September 2009)	
4	Republic of Peru	Agreement between Japan and the Republic of Peru for an Economic Partnership (effective March 2012)	
5	European Union (EU)	Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership (effective February 2019)	
6	United Kingdom	Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Japan for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership (effective January 2021)	

For details of each EPA, see the webpage at the URL below.

Webpage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan: “Free Trade Agreement (FTA) / Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and Related Initiatives”
(<https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/index.html>)

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[Article3 \(1\) \(iii\) \(Indication of Origin, Place of Sale and Quality of the Goods, or Indication of Location and Quality of Provision of the Services\)](#)

[Article4 \(1\) \(xvi\) \(Misleading as to the Quality of the Goods or Services\)](#)

[Article4 \(1\) \(xvii\) \(Indication of Origin of Wines or Spirits\)](#)