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Geographical indications

Japan has no national system of geographical indications. However, some provinces have regulations of this type.

The prefectures (provinces) or cities that have such systems are:

1. The Saga prefecture

www.pref.saga.lg.jp/portal/public/WH/FWHM0000Action.do

2. The city of Kosyu in the Yamanashi prefecture

www.city.koshu.yamanashi.jp/koshu/

3. The Nagano prefecture

www.pref.nagano.jp/

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Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – MAFF

1-2-1 Kasumigaseki
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100-8950 Tokyo

- Food quality sign office

Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau
Labelling and Standards Division
Food Labelling and Standards Surveillance Office
www.maff.go.jp/soshiki/syokuhin/hinshitu/e_label/index.htm

- Export promotion Office

www.maff.go.jp/www/press/cont2/20051115press_1.pdf

JAS Japanese Agricultural Standards

www.jasnet.or.jp/

JAS is an organization controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture. Its main mission is to develop the JAS system and products.

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

www.mhlw.go.jp/english/

In particular: www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/foodsafety/index.html, which deals more specifically with food issues.

- Food Sanitation Law. www.jetro.go.jp/en/market/regulations/pdf/food-e.pdf
- Food additives : www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/foodsafety/foodadditives/index.html
- Regulation regarding Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs):
www.m5.ws001.squarestart.ne.jp/foundation/search.html

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – MAFF

www.maff.go.jp/eindex.html

- Plant protection: www.pps.go.jp/english/sitemap/index.html.
- Quarantine of animals: www.maff-aqs.go.jp/english/ryoko/index.htm

Jetro (Japan External Trade Organization): www.jetro.go.jp/en/market/regulations/

Japanese customs: www.customs.go.jp/index_e.htm

Safety Tech: private consultant offering support on regulations: www.safetytech.co.jp/english.htm

List of Registered Japanese and Overseas Certifying Bodies which Conduct Certification in Overseas

1. Foods and Beverages

| | Name of organization | Item to be certified | Certification business area other than Japan | Address | Phone |
|---|---|--|---|---|--------------|
| 1 | Japan Convenience Foods Industry Association | Instant noodle, raw type instant noodle | Overseas | Kimura Building, 5-5 Akusabashi, Daitou-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3865-0811 |
| 2 | Japan Grain Inspection Association | Glucose, isomerized liquid sugar, mixture with sugar and isomerized liquid sugar, macaroni and vegetable protein | Overseas | 15-6 Kabuto-cho, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3644-6410 |
| 3 | Japan Fruit Juice Association | Fruit juice and fruit beverage | Taiwan | 1-10-1 Shibadaimon, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3435-0732 |
| 4 | Japan Inspection Institute of Fats & Oils | Edible vegetable oils and fats | USA, Argentina, UK, Italy, Australia, Canada, Korea, Greece, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Taiwan, China, Germany, Turkey, Philippines, Brazil, France and Malaysia | 4-19-13 Hon-Cho, Nakano-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3582-5311 |
| 5 | Japan Pickles Inspection Institute | Pickled agricultural products | Overseas | Watanabe Building 1-1-2, Miyoshi, Koutou-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3543-0461 |
| 6 | The Japan Inspection of Seasonings and Vegetable Juices | Processed tomato products, worcester sauces, vinegar and carrot juice and carrot mixed juice | Overseas | 3-7-4 Kyoubashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3639-9668 |

2. Forestry Products

| | Name of organization | Item to be certified | Certification business area other than Japan | Address | Phone |
|---|--|--|---|---|----------------------|
| 1 | Japan Plywood Inspection Corporation | Plywood, flooring, glued laminated timber, laminated veneer lumber, structural panel, finger jointed structural lumber for wood-frame construction | Overseas | 3-13-3 Nishi-Shimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-5776-2680 |
| 2 | Japan Lumber Inspection and Research Association | Saw lumber, balk lumber and board with wane | Overseas | 2-4-3 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3580-3215 |
| 3 | Pt. Mutuagung Lestari | Plywood, flooring, glued laminated timber (except for structural glued laminated timber), laminated veneer lumber and finger jointed structural lumber for wood-frame construction | Overseas | Jl.Raya Bogor Km33,5 No.19 DesaCurug, Kecamatan Cimanggis, Kotamadya Depok 16953, West Jawa, The Republic of Indonesia | +62(0)21 874 0202 |
| 4 | Norsk Treteknisk Institutt | Saw lumber (structural softwood lumber and finger jointed structural lumber for wood-frame construction. Without preservative treatment.) and glued laminated timber | Overseas | Forskningsveien 3B, N-0371 Oslo, Norway | +47 2296 5500 |
| 5 | Timberco, Inc, dba TECO | Glued laminated lumber, plywood, laminate veneer lumber and structural panel | Overseas | 5650 TerraCourt, Sun Prairie, WI 53590, USA | 608-837-2790 |
| 6 | APA-Engineered Wood Association | Plywood, structural glued laminated timber, structural panel and structural laminated veneer lumber | North America, South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand | 7011 So. 19th, Tacoma, Wa 98466, USA | 253-565-6600 |

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| 7 | Engineered Wood Products Association Pty Ltd | Plywood, structural laminated veneer lumber, laminated veneer lumber | Overseas | 3 Dunlop Street, Newstead, Queensland 4006, Australia | 617-3854-1228 |
| 8 | Canadian Mill Services Association | Saw lumber, glued laminated timber and finger jointed structural lumber for wood-frame construction | Overseas | #200, 601-6th Street, New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada V3L 3C1 | 604-523-1288 |
| 9 | Certiwood Technical Centre | Plywood, laminated veneer lumber, glued laminated timber, structural glued laminated timber, structural panel and flooring | North America, Central American Countries | 735, West 15th Street, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V7M 1T2 | 604-981-4190 |

3. Organic Products

| | Name of organization | Item to be certified | Certification business area other than Japan | Address | Phone |
|---|--|--|--|--|--------------|
| 1 | AFAS Certification Center Co. Ltd. | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | 5-10-13 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3569-7370 |
| 2 | Organic Certification Organization Co., Ltd. | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | 2-23-14 Minamigaoka, Oonojo-shi, Fukuoka, Japan | 092-589-2245 |
| 3 | SGS Japan | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | Landmark Tower Yokohama 38F, 2-2-1 Minato-mirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan | 045-330-5030 |

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|----|---|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| 4 | Japan Organic & Natural Foods Association | Organic agricultural products and organic processed foods | Overseas | 3-5-3 Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3538-1851 |
| 5 | Eco Design Certification Center Co. Ltd | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | 2-7 Kandatsukasa-machi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-5283-2626 |
| 6 | Ecocert QAI Japan Ltd. | Organic agricultural products and organic processed foods | Overseas | Kanagawa Science Park Building, 3-2-1 Sakaido, Takatsu-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa, Japan | 03-5413-7330 |
| 7 | ICS Japan, Inc. | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | 4-5-17 Chigasaki-higashi, Tuzuki-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan | 045-949-4620 |
| 8 | Japan Grain Inspection Association | Organic agricultural products and organic processed foods | USA and China | 15-6 Kabuto-cho, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3644-6410 |
| 9 | OCIA Japan Ltd. | Organic agricultural products and organic processed foods | Overseas | 4-21-27 Shinbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo | 03-5733-2267 |
| 10 | Overseas Merchandise Inspection Co., Ltd. | Organic agricultural products and organic processed foods and organic feeds | Overseas | 15-6 Nihonbashi, Kabuto-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3669-5184 |
| 11 | Nonprofit Organization ASAC | Organic agricultural products and organic processed foods | Overseas | 3-3-17 Zenkunen, Morioka-shi, Iwate, Japan | 019-605-3345 |
| 12 | Japan Eco-system Farming Association | Organic agricultural products and organic processed foods | Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand | 1-21-12 Tsukishima, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3532-6283 |
| 13 | Japan Soysauce Technology Center | Organic processed foods | Overseas | 3-11, Koami-cho, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3666-4521 |

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| 14 | Australian Certified Organic | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | 766 Gympie Rd, Chermside, Queensland, Australia | +61(0)7 3350 5706 |
| 15 | BCS Oeko-Garantie GmbH | Organic agricultural products and organic processed foods | Overseas | Cimbern strasse 21, 90402, Nuernberg, Germany | +49(0)911 4243 935 |
| 16 | Control Union Certifications | Organic agricultural products and organic processed foods | Overseas | Dr. Klinkertweg 28b 8025 BS Zwolle P.O. BOX 161 8000 AD Zwolle, Netherlands | 03-5521-7658 |
| 17 | CERES, Certification of Environmental Standards, GmbH | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods and organic feeds | Overseas | Vorderhaslach Nr.1, D-91230 Happurg, Federal State of Bavaria, Germany | +49 9158-928290 |
| 18 | Institute for Marketology, IMO | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods and organic feeds | Overseas | Weststrasse 51, CH-8570 Weinfelden, Switzerland | +41(0)71-626-0626 |
| 19 | Istituto per la Certificazione Etica e Ambientale | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | Strada Maggiore, 29 40125 (BO), Italy | +39 051-272986 extension 3 |
| 20 | Consorzio per il Controllo dei Prodotti Biologici | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | Via J. Barozzi, 8 40126 (BO), Italy | +39 051-6089811 |

4. Naturally Grown Chicken (*Jidoriniku*)

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|---|--|--|--|--|--------------|
| 1 | Organic Certification Organization Co., Ltd. | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | 2-23-14 Minamigaoka, Oonojo-shi, Fukuoka, Japan | 092-589-2245 |
| 2 | Eco Design Certification Center Co., Ltd | Organic agricultural products, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products | Overseas | 2-7 Kandatsukasa-machi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-5283-2626 |

5. Beef, Pork and Agricultural Products with Production Information

| | Name of organization | Item to be certified | Certification business area other than Japan | Address | Phone |
|---|--|--|---|--|--------------|
| 1 | Leafearth | Beef and pork with production information | Australia and New Zealand | 1-8-3 Ootemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3241-7810 |
| 2 | Organic Certification Organization Co., Ltd. | Beef, pork and agricultural products with production information | Overseas | 2-23-14 Minamigaoka, Oonojo-shi, Fukuoka, Japan | 092-589-2245 |
| 3 | AFAS Certification Center Co. Ltd. | Beef, pork and agricultural products with production information | Overseas | 4-30-4 Simbashi Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3569-7370 |
| 4 | SGS Japan | Beef, pork and agricultural products with production information | Overseas | Landmark Tower Yokohama 38F, 2-2-1 Minato-mirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan | 045-330-5030 |
| 5 | ICS Japan, Inc. | Beef, pork and agricultural products with production information | Overseas | 4-5-17 Chigasaki-higashi, Tuzuki-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan | 045-949-4620 |
| 6 | Association of Meat Science & Technology Institute | Beef and pork with production information | Iceland, Ireland, USA, Italy, Ukraine, Australia, Austria, Netherlands, Canada, Sweden, Spain, Korea, Taiwan, Chili, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Vanuatu, Hungary, Finland, France, Belgium and Mexico | 1-5-6 Ebisu, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3444-1923 |
| 7 | Agri/Aqua ID Co., Ltd. | Beef, pork and agricultural products with production information | Overseas | Takegashi Building, 3-5-3 Kyoubashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3538-5900 |
| 8 | Japan Livestock Industry Association | Beef with production information | Overseas | 1-26-5 Toranomon Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 03-3581-6677 |

Note: Registered Overseas Certifying Bodies are highlighted in red.