

EU -Japan EPA
4th meeting of the Committee
on Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture

Tokyo, 6 November 2023

The fourth meeting of the Committee on Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture established under Chapter 19 of the Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership (EPA) was held on 6 November 2023 in Tokyo.

Japanese participants from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and EU participants from the European Commission's Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development and the Delegation of the European Union to Japan started the meeting with exchanging information on their respective principal policy initiatives. Japan presented the state of play on reviewing the "Basic Law on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas" and the EU presented the overview on its Common Agriculture Policy.

Participants of both sides continued to recognise the mutual interest in promoting trade of agri-food products and the importance of Organic Equivalency between Japan and the EU. Both sides confirmed that they would continue discussions on these topics.

The representatives of Japan and the EU confirmed their willingness to continue their cooperation in the field of agriculture.