

EU-Japan EPA
5th meeting of the Committee
on Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture

Brussels, 4 June 2024

The fifth 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 4 June 2024 in Brussels.

EU participants from the European Commission's Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development and the Directorate General for Trade, and Japanese participants from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Mission of Japan to the EU, exchanged information on the current trends and future perspectives in their respective principal policy initiatives. The EU side focused on the Common Agricultural Policy post 2027 and its political context. The Japanese side presented the amendment of the "Basic Law on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas" and the establishment of implementing acts.

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.

Both sides welcomed the good cooperation in the field of Geographical Indications.

The Japanese side described the impact of EU environmental regulations on trade in agricultural products and food. The Japanese side also sought EU's understanding for Japan's position and cooperation for constructive discussion.

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