

EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation
Japan-EU EPA practical business webinar with a Q & A format
～ How to utilize the EPA ～

Two years have passed since the Japan-EU EPA came into effect in February 2019. On February 1, 2021, the number of food and drink products protected by geographical indications (GIs) – a distinctive sign used to identify a product whose quality, reputation or other such characteristics relate to its geographical origin – was expanded, and a part of the procedures for exporting vehicles was simplified. Japan and the EU have updated some aspects of the EPA and its procedures to make it easier for companies to use it.

On the other hand, for the past two years, some Japanese companies have faced practical challenges, such as certificates of origin (self-certification) not always being recognised by the national customs service in the EU, even though they were using the EPA scheme when exporting to the EU.

To solve those issues, focusing on exports from Japan to the EU, Tokyo Kyodo Accounting Office (TKAO), which has an EPA consultation desk commissioned by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) on the Japanese side and the European Commission's Directorate-General for Taxation and the Customs Union (DG TAXUD) which is the authority managing, defending and developing the EU's customs strategy, customs procedures and customs controls, will explain how to make good use of the EPA scheme in a Q & A format based on the experience of, and examples from, the past two years.

1. Date and time
Thursday, March 4, 2021 17:00-18:45 Japan time (09:00-10:45 in Belgium)
2. Languages
Japanese & English (simultaneous interpretation)
3. Program
 - 1) Presentation 17: 00-17: 40
Mr. Makoto Goto, EPA consultation desk counselor
Tokyo Kyodo Accounting Office (EPA consultation desk commissioned by METI)
 - 2) Presentation 17: 40-18: 20
Mr. Albert Hendriks, Team Leader - Preferential origin - Coordination and negotiation
DG TAXUD, European Commission
 - 3) Q & A session 18: 20-18: 45
4. Participation fee
Free



5. Registration

This webinar will be conducted through Zoom. Please book your place via this Zoom link: [ZOOM](#)

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6. Asking questions and access to event material.

- 1) You can either submit your questions in advance, when registering for the event, or during the event, using the chat function in your smartphone or PC Zoom app. Please note that for various reasons (e.g., lack of time) we may not be able to get answers to every question.
- 2) Please apply for the lecture materials when you fill out the evaluation questionnaire after the event.

7. Organizer:

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