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特許庁、日韓類似群コード対応表を公表

Setting designated goods/services can prove a challenge when applying for a trademark registration. This is not only the case for national level applications, but also for applications made overseas. Currently, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) are engaged in a project to produce tables containing the different codes for groups of similar goods/services used by each office in trademark examinations carried out in Japan and Korea respectively.

On September 13, 2019, the JPO published on its website a comparative table of the Japanese and Korean similarity groups corresponding to Nice/ID List/MGS (around 47,000 classes of goods/services), which was produced in collaboration between the two offices.

The sources used are as follows:

Nice

Description of goods/services corresponding to the Nice International Classifications [No. 11-2019 edition]







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■ID List

Description of all goods and services used by the five largest offices (JPO, KIPO, European Intellectual Property Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration and United States Patent and Trademark Office) (as of July 2019)

■MGS (Madrid Goods and Services Manager)

Description of the goods and services in WIPO's database of designated goods and services used in Madrid Protocol applications that can be used in the JPO and KIPO (as of July 2019)

Both offices are continuing with this project with the aim of providing users with greater convenience of use.

指定商品・役務の設定は、商標を出願する際によく悩む項目である。それは、国内出願に限らず、海外で出願する時も同様だ。現在、日本特許庁(以下JP0)と韓国特許庁(以下KIP0)は、日韓両庁が商標審査においてそれぞれ使用している類似群コードの対応関係を示す一覧表(日韓類似群コード対応表)を作成する協力プロジェクトを推進している。

この度、両庁の協力により、ニース・IDリスト・MGS (約47,000件) に対応した日韓類似群コード対応表が2019年9月13日に日本特許庁HPで公表された。

各ソースの収録範囲は下記の通りである。

■ニース

ニース国際分類[第11-2019版] (2019年1月1日発行) に対応した商品・役務表示

■IDリスト

JPO、KIPO、欧州連合知的財産庁、中国国家知識産権局及び米国特許商標庁の5庁 (TM5) すべてが採用を認めている商品・役務表示 (2019年7月時点のもの)

■MGS (Madrid Goods and Services Manager)

マドプロ出願の指定商品・役務として採用可能な表示を集めたWIPOのデータベースから、JPO及びKIPOが受け入れ可能な商品・役務表示(2019年7月時点のもの)

両庁は引き続き、ユーザーの利便性向上の為、本プロジェクトを進めていくとのことだ。







Sea Urchins Reared in Hamanaka-cho to be registered under Geographical Indicator Protection System 浜中町の養殖ウニ、地理的表示保護制度登録へ

The town of Hamanaka-cho in eastern Hokkaido prefecture is aiming to register its famous produce, reared sea urchin, under the Geographical Indicator Protection System with the purpose of increasing its brand value.

Geographical Indicator Protection System

The Geographical Indicator Protection System is a system that stipulates the protection of certain regional brands that are known for their high quality thanks to the special characteristics of their region of origin, or due to special production methods developed in said region over many years. If a brand is registered under the system, goods and producers that meet the standard of quality may display the 'GI Mark', and action can be taken against illegitimate use of the brand.

In Hokkaido, previous registrations include Yubari Melons and Tokachigawa Nishi Yams, with over 80 brands registered nationwide. Once a brand is registered, it can be sold bearing the GI Marks that indicates it is a regional brand of assured quality.

The sea urchins reared in Hamanaka-cho are high-quality, raised only on a diet of kelp, and have a bright color and rich, sweet taste. Currently, it seems that Hamanaka-cho is the only place where major cultivation of sea urchins in the ocean is carried out, but other areas are developing techniques and soon competition is expected to become fierce.

Hamanaka-cho is proceeding with preparations for registration, stating that the Geographical Indicator System will allow it to increase its brand value and make its products stand out from those from other regions. (Source: NHK NEWS WEB, September 12, 2019)



GI Mark

北海道の道東にある浜中町は、浜中町の特産品である養殖ウニのブランド価値を高めるため、地理的表示保



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護制度への登録を目指すことになった。

地理的表示保護制度

地理的表示保護制度は、生産地の特性や長年培われたその地域の生産方法により、高い品質と評価を獲得し た地域ブランドを保護するために規定された制度である。登録されると、品質基準を満たしている産品・生産 者のみが「GIマーク」を使うことができ、不正使用を取り締まることができる。

北海道では、これまでに夕張メロンや十勝川西長いもなどが登録され、全国では80品目あまりが登録されて いる。登録されると、品質が保証された地域ブランドとして、GIの認定マークをつけて販売することができ る。

浜中町で養殖されるエゾバフンウニは高級品であり、コンブだけで育てられ、鮮やかな色合いと濃厚な甘み を持つ。現在のところ、本格的にウニの養殖事業を海域で行っているのは浜中町だけらしいが、各地で技術開 発が進められており、今後は競争が激しくなることが予想される。

浜中町は、「地理的表示保護制度への登録によりブランド価値を高めることで、他の産地との差別化を図 る」として、登録に向けて準備を進めていく。(NHK NEWS WEB 9月12日より)



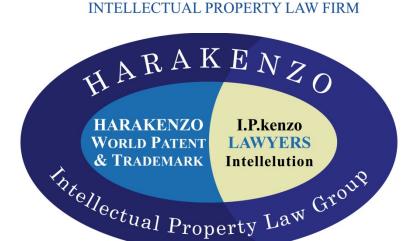
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