



# Ex-post evaluation of the EU-Japan EPA NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR STAKEHOLDER,

The ECFORTE team of external consultants conducting the ex-post evaluation of the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) would like to inform you about the publication of the Draft Final Report from the evaluation study.

The Main report, its Annexes, the Executive Summary, and Case Studies have been published and can be accessed on the [project website](#) and the [the European Commission's website](#). We welcome your comments **by 1 June 2026 COB**. Please email us at: [info@tradeimpact.eu](mailto:info@tradeimpact.eu)

On 28 May 2026 from 10:00 to 12:00 (CEST), the **EU Civil Society Dialogue** on the EU-Japan EPA ex-post evaluation will take place online to discuss the draft Final Report. The event is for EU stakeholders who can register [here](#).

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDY

February 2024 marked the fifth anniversary of the EU-Japan EPA's application. This ex-post evaluation aims to conduct an evidence-based analysis of the Agreement's economic, social, environmental, and human rights impact following its implementation. The assessment relies on economic modelling, literature review, statistical data analysis, and stakeholder consultations.

The study conducts three case studies to provide in-depth analysis of: (1) trade in key agricultural goods, including SPS market access and related barriers; (2) geographical indications; and (3) trade in specific services.

The evaluation is carried out by ECFORTE (European Consortium for Trade Evaluation) led by Trade Impact B.V. [www.tradeimpact.eu](http://www.tradeimpact.eu).

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