

## Summary of Specification



**1. Name of the GI + transcription in Latin alphabet or in international phonetic alphabet**

奥久慈しゃも (Transcription: Okukuji Shamo) , Okukuji Shamo Chicken

**2. Category of the product for which the name is protected**

Class 2 : Fresh meat (Chicken, Offal meat)

**3. Applicant – name and address**

Okukuji Shamo Production Association

3721 Fukuroda, Daigo Town, Kuji County, Ibaraki Prefecture, 319-3523, Japan

**4. Date of first Protection in the country of origin**

December 27, 2018

**5. Description of product**

Okukuji Shamo Chicken refers to meat, offal meat and bone of a breed of local chicken produced by a unique local mating system and a blood line, i.e., crossbreeding three breeds of not so aggressive Shamo (Japanese Game cock), Nagoya, and Rhode Island Red which are selected in Ibaraki Prefecture.

Okukuji Shamo Chicken's meat is firm and juicy. Consumers appreciate that its meat is lean and chewy and has little chicken-specific odor.

**6. Description/delimitation of the Geographical Area and of specific steps in production that must take place in the identified geographic area**

(1) Producing area:

Daigo Town in Kuji County, Hitachi-omiya City, Hitachi-ota City, and Takahagi City, Ibaraki Prefecture

(2) Production method:

① Chicks

Use baby chicks created by crossbreeding male Shamo with female crossbred of male Nagoya and female Rhode Island Red.

Original breeds to use should be: Shamo selected and crossbred by the Ibaraki Prefectural Livestock Research Center to become less combative for group breeding; Nagoya that has quality meat texture and excels in productivity; and Rhode Island Red that excels in reproductivity.

② Breeding method

Breeding period:

Fatten male chicks for 110 days or more and female chicks for 130 days or

more in total after hatching.

Breeding density:

On or after 28 days, breed chicks in a density of 10 or less birds/m<sup>2</sup>.

Compound feed:

- On or after 28 days, feed an adjusted mixture of corn, milo, soybean oil cake, and rapeseed oil cake, with added salt, calcium, artemisia and other nutritious ingredients, and natural mineral derived from seaweed.

Animal protein and antibacterial feed additives should not be used. (Antibacterial agents for animals may be used based on the guidance by the livestock hygiene service center.)

- In addition to the compound feed, feed rice is allowed to use in an amount of 10% of feed weight.

③Shipment

Ship males of 110 days old and over or females of 130 days old and over.

## **7. Link with the Geographical Area**

Shamo had been raised in the Northern Ibaraki Prefecture, the mating system of Okukuji Shamo Chicken is established around the late 1970s. Full-scale production and sales of Okukuji Shamo Chicken started in 1985.

With the cooperation from Ibaraki Prefecture and advice from consumers, the group of producers established a unique production method of Okukuji Shamo Chicken: raising chicks slowly, taking a long period of time, giving no stress in the quiet wild environment in northern Ibaraki Prefecture, and providing exclusive low-calorie feed and high-quality water.

## **8. History / confirmations of on-going production**

The name of Okukuji Shamo Chicken is derived from the place where the production started in Northern Ibaraki Prefecture, which is known as Okukuji. Full-scale production and sales started in 1985. In the same year, a voluntary partnership named Okukuji Shamo Production Association was established. In 1985 when the partnership was established, producers produced about 6,500 chickens. As the publicity increased thanks to high quality, active sales promotion by producers, and media coverage, the production increased in Northern Ibaraki Prefecture. Since fiscal 2010, Okukuji Shamo Chicken has been certified as Ibaraki 's local chicken under the prefectural local chicken certification system.

Under the production control of the group of producers, the number of chickens produced increased to about 51,000 by the end of fiscal 2017.

## **9. Specific rules concerning labelling and using, if any**

N/A

## **10. Control body / control authority responsible for checking the respect of the product specifications**

Control body is Okukuji Shamo Production Association.

In addition, MAFF regularly monitors the condition of quality control in the process of production, through the examination of annual report submitted by Okukuji Shamo Production Association.

## **11. Outline of the quality control plan**

Okukuji Shamo Production Association will check (1) parent birds and baby chicks, (2) producing area and breeding method, (3) shipment and final products. If a producer fails to abide by the specification, Okukuji Shamo Production Association will issue a warning and request a correction of his/her production. In case the producer does not follow the warning, Okukuji Shamo Production Association will stop receiving and shipping the product he/she produced. Also, Okukuji Shamo Production Association may prohibit stop the distribution of the chicks. In addition, Okukuji Shamo Production Association will prepare an annual performance report and submit it to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

**12. Information of registered trademark(s) identical or similar to the GI (if applied by the GI holder in other Party's territory)**

N/A