

Summary of Specification



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

こおげ花御所柿 (Transcription: Koge Hanagoshogaki) , Koge Hanagoshogaki

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

Class 1 : Agricultural product (Japanese Persimmon)

3. Applicant – name and address

Tottori Inaba Agricultural Cooperative (JA Tottori Inaba)
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4. Date of first Protection in the country of origin

December 27, 2018

5. Description of product

Koge Hanagoshogaki is a persimmon using a native variety named “Hanagoshogaki,” which is indigenous to Yazu Town (formerly, Koge Town) in Yazu County, Tottori Prefecture and has been cultivated since more than 200 years ago.

Fine-textured fruit is soft, mild, and juicy. Sugar content is higher than 17 on average, and can be 20 or over in the case of fruit of high sugar content.

Hanagoshogaki has enjoyed a good reputation. For instance, at the first post-war national fruit exhibition and competition, the Zenkoku Kajitsu Tenji Hinpyo-kai, held in 1947, Hanagoshogaki from Tottori Prefecture won the first prize.

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:

Yazu Town in Yazu County, Tottori Prefecture

(2) Production method:

① Cultivar

Use the Hanagoshogaki variety.

② Cultivation method

Perform pruning, bud thinning, and fruit thinning according to the fruit bearing standard.

③ Fruit selection

Before shipping, select fruits according to the shipment standard in terms of fruit color, maturity, injury, space between the sepal and the fruit, shape of fruit, and size, and sort them by grade.

7. Link with the Geographical Area

Hanagoshogaki started in a district called “Hana” in Yazu Town, and has been cultivated since more than 200 years ago.

Along the Hatto River, including former Omikado Village where Hana District is located, soil is shallow with small rocks at the bottom and therefore makes it easy to grow young trees into shapes featuring open branches to facilitate fruit harvest, so that Hanagoshogaki cultivation has been active.

With regard to cultivation management of Hanagoshogaki, local producers cultivate it based on the established bearing standards to secure the number of fruits born with proper pruning, bud thinning, and fruit thinning to stabilize quality. During the harvest season of Hanagoshogaki, producers hold meetings on shipment to ensure maturity control, delaying shipment of fruits that have not reached the standard fruit color.

8. History / confirmations of on-going production

Gorosuke Noda, a resident of Hana, brought a branch of Goshogaki tree from Yamato no Kuni (Yamato Province) and grafted it to a tree of astringent persimmon sometime in the Tenmei period (1781–1788). In 1909, Dr. Tetsuya Onda at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry named it “Hana Goshogaki” after the district of “Hana.”

In conjunction of integration of fruit selection sites in Koge in 1969, branding of Koge Hanagoshogaki started. Specifically, standards were established to designate only fruits that satisfy standards of fruit color, maturity, injury, space between the sepal and the fruit, shape of fruit, and size as Koge Hanagoshogaki.

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 JA Tottori Inaba.

In addition, MAFF regularly monitors the condition of quality control in the process of production, through the examination of annual report submitted by JA Tottori Inaba.

11. Outline of the quality control plan

JA Tottori Inaba will check (1) variety and producing area, (2) cultivation method, (3) shipment standard and final products. If a producer fails to abide by the specification, JA Tottori Inaba will issue a warning and request a correction of his/her production. In case the producer does not follow the warning, prohibit the producer from shipping his/her products as “Koge Hanagoshogaki”, or expel the producer from the producer’s group. In addition, JA Tottori Inaba 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