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Industrial Structure Council Intellectual Property Committee Patent System Subcommittee released a draft of a council report in February 2017, and this draft offers a new direction to reform the evidence collection system in patent infringement lawsuit. This article intends to introduce the draft of the council report and to study the direction of improving the evidence collection system.

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In June 2015, the Act on Protection of the Names of Specific Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Products and Foodstuffs (Geographical Indication (GI) Act) entered into force and the Geographical Indication (GI) protection system of Japan was established. This article aims to promote a more accurate understanding of the system to the users of trademark system by showing the comparison between the system and trademark system (especially regional collective trademark system). Both systems have in common that these are utilized to protecting “regional brands”.

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