

Revision of Geographical Indications system

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Proposal for a

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on European Union geographical indications for wine,
spirit drinks and agricultural products,
and quality schemes for agricultural products,
amending Regulations (EU) N°1308/2013, (EU) 2017/1001
and (EU) 2019/787 and repealing Regulation (EU) N°1151/2012



Context



President von der Leyen:

*Look at ways to **strengthen the system of geographical indications...***

*our **cultural, gastronomic and local heritage is preserved and certified as authentic across the world.***

2019 mission letter to Commissioner Wojciechowski

Aim of the legislative proposal

- Strengthening the EU system of GIs
 - Increasing GIs' uptake across the Union
 - Shortening the registration time
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- No changes to the provisions on OQT
« mountain product »

Harmonisation of the rules across the sectors

Common provisions for

- **Procedures** for registration of a name, amendment and cancellation of existing product specifications - all sectors
- **Protection** of GIs - all sectors
- **Controls** for spirit drinks and agricultural products (separate controls provisions for wine are laid down in the CMO Regulation due to wine specificities)

Novelties

Scope

- Extension to all agricultural products according to WTO definition
- Chapters 1 to 23 of Common Customs Tariff

Sustainability

- CMO Reform - introduction sustainability in GI schemes
- GI Review – sustainability requirements beyond legal requirements included in the product specification on a voluntary basis

GI ingredient

- Agreement needed from the concerned producer group (2/3 representativeness)

Novelties

Recognised PG

- Designation of a recognised producer group by MS authorities
- Additional powers for such recognised groups

Internet

- Specific provisions for country-code-top-level domain name registries

GI symbols

- No obligatory EU symbol for wines and spirit drinks

Novelties

Technical Assistance

- Aim to shorten scrutiny times
- EUIPO – 4 years of cooperation
- Responsibility for decisions remains with the Commission

Authorisation certificate

- GI certificate, at a request of a producer, to be issued by the national authorities

Committee procedure

- One single committee for all GIs
- One single committee for TSGs and OQTs

Traditional Specialities Guaranteed (TSGs)

The TSG scheme has limited uptake after 30 years of existence

To increase the uptake, the scheme will be clarified and simplified:

- No longer the condition of the ‘special character’
- Clarification that TSG can be based on a traditional recipe or a traditional production method or both

State of play in the Council – Working party

- **FR Presidency:** five meeting days April - June 2022

Discussion on both the impact assessment report and the legislative proposal

- **CZ Presidency:** seven meeting days July – December 2022

State of play in the Council – AGRIFISH and SCA

AGRIFISH Council:

- 21 March 2022, 7 April 2022, 13 June 2022
- The progress report by CZ Presidency in December 2022

SCA:

- 2 May 2022: COM presented the legislative proposal
- 10 October 2022: discussion on EUIPO technical assistance

State of play in the EP - COMAGRI

- 31 March 2022: COM presented the main elements of the revision
- Technical meetings between COM representatives and EP staff & MEP assistants on 27 April and 20 June 2022
- 29 September 2022: Rapporteur MEP De Castro presented his working document on the GI Regulation
- Way forward: Vote in COMAGRI: February-March 2023;
Plenary vote: November 2023

Main issues discussed

- **Scope** of the Regulation and **definitions**: production step; producer; producer group; recognised producer group; traditional / tradition; generic term
- **Objectives**: add farmers' income, contribution to rural development, value added, effective protection
- **Novelties**: recognised producer group, sustainability, GI certificate, explanation of evocation, addition to the definition of « generic term », role of EUIPO

Thank you

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