

CDG Milk

Revision of Geographical Indications system

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Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

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

Structure of the presentation

**Harmonisation of the rules across the sectors and
Novelties in the legislative proposal**

State of play in the EP and the Council and way forward

Main issues discussed

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
- Wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products listed in the combined nomenclature in Chapters 1 to 23 of Common Customs Tariff

Sustainability

- CMO Reform - introduction sustainability in GI schemes
- GI Review – sustainability requirements beyond legal requirements and agreed by the producer group to be 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
- Confirmation of a flexible approach for these two sectors

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 GIs
- TSGs and OQTs stay separate

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 EP - COMAGRI

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

State of play in the Council – AGRIFISH and SCA

AGRIFISH Council:

- 21 March 2022, 7 April 2022, 13 June 2022
- At the last meeting, FR Presidency presented the progress report
- Outcome of the CZ Presidency on December, possibly the General Approach

SCA:

- 2 May 2022, 12 July 2022: COM presented the legislative proposal
- Next on 10 October 2022

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 announced

Two meetings in September 2022, next meeting on 4 October 2022

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.

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