

# Revision of the EU Geographical Indications system

CDG on Animal Production – Milk

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## **Political Agreement on 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) and repealing Regulation (EU) N°1151/2012**

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# Main achievements 1

1. **Protection** strengthened
2. **Enforcement** strengthened
3. **Legal framework** streamlined
4. **Scope** enlarged and aligned to WTO agreement on agriculture

# Main achievements 2

- 5. **Recognised Producer Groups (RPGs):** GI producer groups empowered for better GIs management
- 6. **Sustainability**
- 7. **Labelling**
- 8. **Controls**
- 9. **International development:** Enhanced credibility of the EU GI system

# Protection (all sectors)

## Names

- Transliterations and Transcriptions protected
- Protection on the internet for all sectors
- Protection against all illegal domain names accessible from the EU
- Protection against Traditional Terms and national legislations
- One year after cancellation to be registered under a different IPR

## GI use in names of processed products (food and wine)

- Three conditions to be complied with
- Obligation to notify to RPGs the use of GI
- Labelling conditions

## Domain names

- GIs recognised as right to be invoked in alternative dispute resolution procedures
- Domain name information and alert system (pilot)

# Enforcement (all sectors)

Against illegal use of names in the market

- Actions from judicial or administrative authorities to stop illegal use of names in the market

Inclusion of GI in the system of the Digital Services Act

- Actions from judicial or administrative authorities to issue an order act under the Digital Services Act

Attestation of compliance with the product specification

- New system (currently existing only for GI spirits) to grant certificate of compliance with the product specification to producers of a GI

# Legal framework (all sectors)

## Harmonisation

- One Register, one GI Committee
- One registration procedure

## Stricter deadlines

- Mandatory deadlines for the Commission
- Reasoned statements of opposition will be lodged within three months

## Procedures optimised

- Oppositions: notice of comments
- Amendment and cancellation
- An amendment not changing the single document is standard

# Recognised Producer Groups (all sectors)

## GI Producer Groups

- GI producer groups empowered for better GIs management
- Tasks extended and detailed

## Recognised Producer Groups

- Optional
- Alternative criteria of eligibility
- Representativity



# Sustainability (all sectors)

Sustainable practices in the product specifications

- Voluntary basis
- Where included in the product specification they become mandatory

Meaning of 'sustainable practice'

- 'Sustainable practice' means a practice which contributes to one or more social, environmental or economic objectives

Sustainability reports

- To be prepared by producer groups or RPG
- Description of existing sustainable practices
- To be made public by the Commission

# Labelling

## Transparency

- For food and spiritis : Obligation to indicate the producer or the operator in the same field of vision of the GI
- Two-year transitional period for this new obligation

## Wines

- Option for Wine to use PDO PGI as abbreviations on label
- Rules on transitional labelling
- Wine labelling rules are left in the CMO Regulation

## Other rules

- Logo still mandatory for food only
- Use of indications and abbreviations when GI is an ingredient

# Controls and Scope

Controls on  
compliance with  
product  
specification

- Common provisions on the controls for spirit drinks and agricultural products back to the GI Regulation

Controls on  
compliance with  
product  
specification  
In wines

- CMO Regulation

Scope of the  
Regulation

- All agricultural products
- Covers wines, spirit drinks and agricultural products

# International developments

## International credibility

- The harmonisation of the GI system enhance credibility

## Bilateral agreements

- Correspondence of the scope with WTO agreement
- Rules on RPG in the Regulation may not apply to non-EU countries

## Geneva Act

- RPG in a privileged position when applying for registration

# Calendar

- 31 March 2022 – **adoption of the Commission's Proposal**
- 8 May 2023 – **adoption of the Council's General approach**
- 31 May 2023 – **amendments adopted by the European Parliament**
- 24 October 2023 – **political agreement after trilogues**
- February 2024 – **vote in the Plenary of the European Parliament**
- Application of Regulation – **March / April 2024**

# Thank you



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