

CDG Spirit Drinks

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

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

GI certificate

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

Committee

- One single committee for GIs
- TSGs and OQTs stay separate

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

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 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

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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