

**Civil Dialogue Group – Horticulture, Olives and Spirits –
Olives sector**

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) 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

Four building blocks

General provisions
and procedures



GIs of agricultural products,
and amendments to
Regulations N°1308/2013 ,
2017/1001 and 2019/787

Protection,
controls and
enforcement



TSGs, optional quality
terms and procedural,
transitional and final
provisions

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
- Wines, spirit drinks and agricultural products listed under the combined nomenclature established by 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 recognized producer group by MS authorities
- Additional powers for such recognized groups

Internet

- Increase protection regarding online sales
- Specific provisions for country-code-top-level domain name registries

GI symbols

- No obligatory labelling 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
- Full responsibility remains with the Commission

Authorisation certificate

- GI certificate, at a request of a producer, to be issued by the national authorities
- No fees envisaged

Committee procedure

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

Adjustments

Traditional Specialities Guaranteed (TSG)

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

Thank you

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