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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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**Geographical indications from the Kingdom of Morocco**

(2013/C 232/05)

Within the ongoing negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco for an Agreement on protection of geographical indications of agricultural and foodstuff products (hereafter 'the Agreement'), the Moroccan authorities have presented, for protection under the Agreement, the attached lists of geographical indications (GIs) for agricultural products and for wines. While these GIs are officially recognised as such by the applicable laws in the Kingdom of Morocco within the meaning of Article 22(1) of the TRIPS Agreement, the European Commission is currently considering whether these GIs shall be protected under the Agreement.

The Commission invites any Member State or third country or any natural or legal person having a legitimate interest, resident or established in a Member State or in a third country, to submit oppositions to such protection by lodging a duly substantiated statement.

Statements of opposition must reach the Commission within two months of the date of this publication. Statements of opposition should be sent to the following e-mail address:

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Statements of opposition shall be examined only if they are received within the time limit set out above and if they show that the protection of the name proposed would:

- (a) conflict with the name of a plant variety or an animal breed and as a result is likely to mislead the consumer as to the true origin of the product;
- (b) be wholly or partially homonymous with that of a name already protected in the Union under Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuff<sup>(1)</sup> and Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007<sup>(2)</sup> establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation), or contained in the agreements the Union has concluded with the following countries:

— Australia<sup>(3)</sup>,

— Chile<sup>(4)</sup>,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Decision 2009/49/EC of 28 November 2008 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and Australia on trade in wine (OJ L 28, 30.1.2009, p. 1).

<sup>(4)</sup> Council Decision 2002/979/EC of 18 November 2002 on the signature and provisional application of certain provisions of an Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part (OJ L 352, 30.12.2002, p. 1).

- South Africa <sup>(5)</sup>,
- Switzerland <sup>(6)</sup>,
- Mexico <sup>(7)</sup>,
- Korea <sup>(8)</sup>,
- Central America <sup>(9)</sup>,
- Colombia and Peru <sup>(10)</sup>,
- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>(11)</sup>,
- Croatia <sup>(12)</sup>,
- Canada <sup>(13)</sup>,
- United States <sup>(14)</sup>,
- Albania <sup>(15)</sup>,
- Montenegro <sup>(16)</sup>,
- Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>(17)</sup>,

<sup>(5)</sup> Council Decision 2002/51/EC of 21 January 2002 on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of South Africa on trade in wine (OJ L 28, 30.1.2002, p. 3), and Council Decision 2002/52/EC of 21 January 2002 on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of South Africa on trade in spirits (OJ L 28, 30.1.2002, p. 112).

<sup>(6)</sup> Decision 2002/309/EC, Euratom of the Council and of the Commission as regards the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 4 April 2002 on the conclusion of seven Agreements with the Swiss Confederation (OJ L 114, 30.4.2002, p. 1) and in particular the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Federation on trade in agricultural products — Annex 7.

<sup>(7)</sup> Council Decision 97/361/EC of 27 May 1997 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the United Mexican States on the mutual recognition and protection of designations for spirit drinks (OJ L 152, 11.6.1997, p. 15).

<sup>(8)</sup> Council Decision 2011/265/EU of 16 September 2010 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part (OJ L 127, 14.5.2011, p. 1).

<sup>(9)</sup> Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other (OJ L 346, 15.12.2012, p. 3).

<sup>(10)</sup> Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part (OJ L 354, 21.12.2012, p. 3).

<sup>(11)</sup> Council Decision 2001/916/EC of 3 December 2001 on the conclusion of an Additional Protocol adjusting the trade aspects of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the outcome of the negotiations between the parties on reciprocal preferential concessions for certain wines, the reciprocal recognition, protection and control of wine names and the reciprocal recognition, protection and control of designations for spirits and aromatised drinks (OJ L 342, 27.12.2001, p. 6).

<sup>(12)</sup> Council Decision 2001/918/EC of 3 December 2001 on the conclusion of an Additional Protocol adjusting the trade aspects of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, to take account of the outcome of the negotiations between the parties on reciprocal preferential concessions for certain wines, the reciprocal recognition, protection and control of wine names and the reciprocal recognition, protection and control of designations for spirits and aromatised drinks (OJ L 342, 27.12.2001, p. 42).

<sup>(13)</sup> Council Decision 2004/91/EC of 30 July 2003 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Canada on trade in wines and spirit drinks (OJ L 35, 6.2.2004, p. 1).

<sup>(14)</sup> Council Decision 2006/232/EC of 20 December 2005 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America on trade in wine (OJ L 87, 24.3.2006, p. 1).

<sup>(15)</sup> Council Decision 2006/580/EC of 12 June 2006 concerning the signing and conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other part — Protocol 3 on reciprocal preferential concessions for certain wines, the reciprocal recognition, protection and control of wine, spirit drinks and aromatised wine names (OJ L 239, 1.9.2006, p. 1).

<sup>(16)</sup> Council Decision 2007/855/EC of 15 October 2007 concerning the signing and conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part (OJ L 345, 28.12.2007, p. 1).

<sup>(17)</sup> Council Decision 2008/474/EC of 16 June 2008 on the signing and conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part (OJ L 169, 30.6.2008, p. 10 — Protocol 6).

- Serbia <sup>(18)</sup>,
  - Moldova <sup>(19)</sup>,
  - Georgia <sup>(20)</sup>;
- (c) in the light of a trade mark's reputation and renown and the length of time it has been used, be liable to mislead the consumer as to the true identity of the product,
- (d) jeopardise the existence of an entirely or partly identical name or of a trade mark or the existence of products which have been legally on the market for at least five years preceding the date of the publication of this notice;
- (e) or if they can give details from which it can be concluded that the name for which protection is considered is generic.

The criteria referred to above shall be evaluated in relation to the territory of the Union, which in the case of intellectual property rights refers only to the territory or territories where the said rights are protected. The eventual protection of these names in the European Union is subject to the successful conclusion of these negotiations and subsequent legal act.

No budgetary implications.

#### List of GIs for wines and agricultural products and foodstuffs <sup>(21)</sup>

Type of product		Name as registered in Kingdom of Morocco	
Oil	1	«Argane»	«أركان»
Oil	2	«huile d'olive Tyout Chiadma»	«زيت الزيتون تيوت الشياظمة»
Spices	3	«Safran de Taliouine»	«زعفران تالوين»
Fruit	4	«Dattes Majhoul de Tafilalet»	«تمور المجهول لتافيلالت»
Fruit	5	«Clémentine de Berkane»	«كلمنتين بركان»
Meat	6	«Viande Agneau Béni Guil»	«لحم خروف بني كيل»
Fruit	7	«Grenades Sefri Ouled Abdellah»	«رمان سفري أولاد عبد الله»
Cheese	8	«Fromage de chèvre de Chefchaouen»	«جبين الماعز شفشاون»
Fruit	9	«Figue de Barbarie d'Ait Baâmrane»	«فاكهة الصبار أيت باعمران»
Flower	10	«Rose de Kelaât M'Gouna-Dadès»	«ورد قلعة مكونة - دادس»
Fruit	11	«Dattes Aziza Bouzid de Figuig»	«تمور أزيذا بوزيد لفجيج»
Fruit	12	«Amande de Tafraout»	«لوز تافراوت»
Fruit	13	«Dattes Boufeggous»	«تمور بوفقوس»
Honey	14	«Miel d'Euphorbe Tadla Azilal»	«عسل زقوم تادلة أزيلال»

<sup>(18)</sup> Council Decision 2010/36/EC of 29 April 2008 concerning the signing and conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part (OJ L 28, 30.1.2010, p. 1).

<sup>(19)</sup> Council Decision 2013/7/EU of 3 December 2012 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 10, 15.1.2013, p. 3).

<sup>(20)</sup> Council Decision 2012/164/EU of 14 February 2012 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 93, 30.3.2012, p. 1).

<sup>(21)</sup> List provided by the Moroccan authorities in the framework of the ongoing negotiations, registered in the Kingdom of Morocco.

**List of GIs for wines and agricultural products and foodstuffs <sup>(22)</sup>**

Type of products	Name as registered in Kingdom of Morocco	
	Appellations	التسميات
Wines	«Berkane»	«بركان»
Wines	«Angad»	«أنجاد»
Wines	«Sais»	«سائيس»
Wines	«Beni Sadden»	«بني سادن»
Wines	«Zerhoun»	«زرهون»
Wines	«Guerrouane»	«كروان»
Wines	«Beni M'Tir»	«بني مطير»
Wines	«Rharb»	«الغرب»
Wines	«Chellah»	«شالة»
Wines	«Zaër»	«زعير»
Wines	«Zemmour»	«زمور»
Wines	«Zenata»	«زناتة»
Wines	«Sahel»	«الساحل»
Wines	«Doukkala»	«دكالة»
Wines	«Les Côteaux de l'Atlas»	«تلال الأطلس»
Wines	«Crémant de l'Atlas»	«مزبد الأطلس»

<sup>(22)</sup> See footnote 21.