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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/2492

of 10 November 2026

rejecting an application for protection of a geographical indication in accordance with Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 of the European Parliament and of the Council

('Tavas Yanık Koyun Yoğurdu' (PGI))

(notified under document C(2026) 7866)

(Only the English text is authentic)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products, as well as traditional specialities guaranteed and optional quality terms for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2019/787 and (EU) 2019/1753 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 ([1]), and in particular Article 21(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, the Commission has examined the application for registration of the name 'Tavas Yanık Koyun Yoğurdu' as protected geographical indication (PGI), submitted by Türkiye on 4 July 2024 (PGI-TR-03280).

(2) Following the examination of the application for registration, on 10 January 2025, the Commission communicated its observations, highlighting deficiencies in the application, in particular as regards the applicant, the language used in parts of the text/documentation of the single document and product specification, the word limit of the single document, the proof of protection, the product description, the proof of origin, the specific rules on labelling, and the causal link with the geographical area. The applicant was requested to provide adjustments to the application as well as clarifications.

(3) The applicant did not respond.

(4) On 28 October 2025, the Commission informed the applicant of its intention to launch the procedure for the adoption of a formal Commission decision rejecting the application pursuant to Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, unless a revised version of the application for registration is submitted, or the application is withdrawn. The letter mentioned several non-conformities.

(5) The applicant neither provided comments nor requested the withdrawal of the application within the stipulated two-month period following receipt of the letter.

(6) The application is affected by several non-conformities. In particular, the requirement set out in Article 14(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 is not respected, as the applicant is the Municipality of Tavas ('TAVAS BELEDİYESİ') which is neither a single producer which meets the conditions set out in Article 9(3) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 nor a producer group which works with the product, the name of which is proposed for registration.

(7) Also, the single document and the product specification include text/documentation in Turkish; hence, the requirement laid down in Article 13(4) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 is not fulfilled.

(8) The proof of protection in Türkiye and its translation in one of the official languages of the Union, required by Article 13(2)(d) and (4) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, are missing.

([1]) OJ L, 2024/1143, 23.4.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1143/oj.

(9) The reference to the publication of the product specification at the end of the single document under 'Reference to the publication of the specification', is also missing. Therefore, the requirement established in Article 13(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 and Article 2(2) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/26 ([2]) is not met.

(10) In addition, the application does not identify procedures which ensure that the product originates in the defined geographical area; hence, the requirement set out in Article 20 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/26 is not met.

(11) The description of the product is incomplete, as the principal chemical and microbiological characteristics of the product are missing; therefore, the requirement laid down in Article 49(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 is not fulfilled.

(12) Labelling rules in the single document are not aligned with those in the product specification, which is not in compliance with Article 50(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 and Article 4(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/26.

(13) Furthermore, as the factors on which the link between the origin and the product is based are unclear and no explanation is provided on how human and/or natural factors affect the quality or characteristics of the product, nor is the current reputation of 'Tavas Yanık Koyun Yoğurdu' established, the causal link between the quality, the reputation or other characteristics of the product and the defined geographical area is not established in accordance with Article 49(1)(f)(ii) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143.

(14) Finally, the limit of the 2 500 total number of words of the single document, which is a requirement set out in Article 4(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/26, is not respected.

(15) In light of the above, the Commission considers that the application for registration of 'Tavas Yanık Koyun Yoğurdu' as PGI does not fulfil the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143.

(16) The application for registration of the name 'Tavas Yanık Koyun Yoğurdu' as PGI should therefore be rejected.

(17) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Quality Policy Committee for agricultural products, wine and spirit drinks,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The application for registration of the name 'Tavas Yanık Koyun Yoğurdu' as protected geographical indication (PGI) is rejected.

([2]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/26 of 30 October 2024 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards registrations, amendments, cancellations, enforcement of the protection, labelling and communication in respect of geographical indications and traditional specialities guaranteed, and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/34 as regards geographical indications in the wine sector, and repealing Implementing Regulations (EU) No 668/2014 and (EU) 2021/1236 (OJ L, 2025/26, 15.1.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/26/oj).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the applicant:

TAVAS BELEDİYESİ
Samanlık Mahallesi Cumhuriyet Meydanı No:6/A
Tavas/DENİZLİ, Türkiye

Done at Brussels, 10 November 2026.

For the Commission
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