

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1319**of 22 September 2020****entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Provola dei Nebrodi' (PDO))**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (¹), and in particular Article Article 52(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the application from Italy to register the name 'Provola dei Nebrodi' as protected designation of origin (PDO) was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (²).
- (2) On 22 October 2019 the Commission received the notice of opposition from Belgium. The Commission forwarded the notice of opposition sent by Belgium to Italy on 31 October 2019. On 19 December 2019, the Commission received the reasoned statement of opposition, within the prescribed deadline.
- (3) The Commission examined the opposition sent by Belgium and found it admissible.
- (4) By letter of 19 February 2020 the Commission invited the interested parties to engage in appropriate consultations to seek agreement among themselves in accordance with their internal procedures.
- (5) Although no agreement was reached between Italy and Belgium, Belgium withdrew its opposition against the registration of the designation 'Provola dei Nebrodi' by letter addressed to the Italian authorities of 16 June 2020.
- (6) Accordingly, the designation of origin 'Provola dei Nebrodi' (PDO) should be entered into the register.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The name 'Provola dei Nebrodi' (PDO) is registered.

The name in the first paragraph identifies a product from Class 1.3. Cheeses set out in Annex XI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 (³).

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 September 2020.

For the Commission

The President

Ursula VON DER LEYEN

(¹) OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

(²) OJ C 257, 31.7.2019, p. 18.

(³) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 of 13 June 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 179, 19.6.2014, p. 36).