

DECISION No 2/2014 OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**of 9 April 2014****concerning the amendment of Decision No 2/2003 of the Joint Committee on Agriculture set up by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products of 21 October 2003 concerning the setting-up of the working groups and the adoption of the terms of reference of those groups**

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THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products, and in particular Article 6(7) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products (hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement') entered into force on 1 June 2002.
- (2) Annex 12 to the Agreement concerns the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 15(6) of Annex 12 to the Agreement, the Working Group on PDOs and PGIs assists the Joint Committee on Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee') at the latter's request.
- (4) Decision No 2/2003 of the Committee set up the working groups and adopted the terms of reference of those groups.
- (5) Following the adoption of the Agreement on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs of 1 December 2011, adding Annex 12 to the Agreement, Decision No 2/2003 of the Committee should be amended, in particular as regards the basis in the Agreement and the terms of reference of the Working Group on PDOs and PGIs,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

In the Annex to Decision No 2/2003 of the Joint Committee on Agriculture of 21 October 2003 concerning the setting-up of the working groups and the adoption of the terms of reference of those groups shall, as regards the Working Group on PDOs and PGIs, the section 'Working Group on "PDO and PGI"' is replaced by:

'Working Group on "PDO and PGI"'*Basis in the Agreement (Annex 12)*

Article 15(6) of Annex 12 on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs.

Terms of reference of the working group under Article 15

1. To examine any issue relating to Annex 12 and its implementation.
2. To examine periodically the development of the Parties' internal legislative and regulatory provisions in the areas covered by Annex 12.
3. To draw up, in particular, proposals to be submitted to the Joint Committee with a view to adapting and updating the Appendices to Annex 12.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 May 2014.

Done at Berne, 9 April 2014.

For the Joint Committee on Agriculture

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Union Delegation*

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