

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 704/2005
of 4 May 2005
amending the specification for a designation of origin in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1107/96
(Mel de Barroso) (PDO)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 of 14 July 1992 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9, Article 6(3) and the second indent of Article 6(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 6(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, the request by Portugal for amendments of the specification for the protected designation of origin *Mel de Barroso*, registered by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 ⁽²⁾, was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ⁽³⁾.
- (2) No statement of objection within the meaning of Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 has been sent to the

Commission and consequently these amendments must be registered and published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The specification for the designation of origin 'Mel de Barroso' is hereby amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

A summary of the main points of the specification is given in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following 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, 4 May 2005.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 208, 24.7.1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 148, 21.6.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1345/2004 (OJ L 249, 23.7.2004, p. 14).

⁽³⁾ OJ C 262, 31.10.2003, p. 16 (Mel de Barroso).

ANNEX I

PORTUGAL

Mel de Barroso

Amendment made:

— Specification heading:

- name
- description
- geographical area
- proof of origin
- method of production
- link
- labelling
- national requirements

— Amendment(s):

Extending the geographical production area to include the municipalities of Chaves and Vila Pouca de Aguiar and the *freguesias* (parishes) of Jou and Valongo de Milhais, in the municipality of Murça.

In relation to the current geographical area, the abovementioned areas have the same soils, enjoy the same weather conditions, produce a honey with the same characteristics and apply the same methods of production, with guaranteed traceability.

ANNEX II

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92

MEL DE BARROSO

(EC No: PT/0229/24.1.1994)

PDO (X) PGI ()

This summary has been drawn up for information purposes only. For full details, in particular the producers of the PDO or PGI concerned, please consult the complete version of the product specification obtainable at national level or from the European Commission ⁽¹⁾.

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2.3. *Composition:* producer/processor (X) other ()

3. Type of product

Class 1.4: Other products of animal origin — honey.

4. Specification

(summary of requirements under Article 4(2))

4.1. Name

Mel de Barroso

4.2. Description

Honey produced by the native bee *Apis mellifera* (sp. iberica) from the nectar of the predominantly ericaceous flowers making up the region's melliferous flora.

4.3. Geographical area

Within the limits of the municipalities of Boticas, Chaves, Montalegre and Vila Pouca de Aguiar and the *freguesias* (parishes) of Jou and Valongo de Milhais in the municipality of Murça (district of Vila Real).

⁽¹⁾ European Commission — Directorate-General for Agriculture — Agricultural product quality policy — B-1049 Brussels.

4.4. *Proof of origin*

Established by custom, in particular physical references, both written and oral, the region's production potential, and the incidence of honey and bees in coats of arms and place names in the region.

4.5. *Method of production*

The honey may only be extracted in approved extraction plants, and extraction and decanting must take place in the area of production. Since Barroso honey is a miscible product, to prevent any break in the traceability and inspection chain, packaging may only be carried out by authorised operators, within the geographical area of origin, to guarantee the quality and authenticity of the product and not mislead the consumer. Production, extraction and packaging may only take place in the defined geographical area. Barroso honey may be marketed in liquid or crystallised form or in honeycombs (provided that they are completely covered and do not contain any broods). It must be packed in containers made of safe, inert material suitable for food, the type and labelling of which must have been approved by the producer group.

4.6. *Link*

Barroso honey is produced in the highest regions of Barroso. It has specific characteristics as a result of the predominantly heathland vegetation.

4.7. *Inspection body*

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4.8. *Labelling*

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4.9. *National requirements*

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