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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/535

of 4 April 2022

implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 of 18 January 2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria and repealing Regulation (EU) No 442/2011 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 32 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 January 2012, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.
- (2) Further to an evaluation of the relevant circumstances, two entries should be deleted from the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.
- (3) Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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 Luxembourg, 4 April 2022.

For the Council
The President
R. BACHELOT-NARQUIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 16, 19.1.2012, p. 1.

ANNEX

The following entries are deleted from the list set out in Section A (Persons) of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012:

- 270. Bashar Mohammad ASSI;
 - 286. Khaldoun AL-ZOUBI.
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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/536
of 29 March 2022

approving non-minor amendments to the product specification for a name entered in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Nocciola Romana' (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 52(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 53(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission has examined Italy's application for the approval of amendments to the specification for the protected designation of origin 'Nocciola Romana', registered under Commission Regulation (EC) No 667/2009 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Since the amendments in question are not minor within the meaning of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission published the amendment application in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ⁽³⁾ as required by Article 50(2)(a) of that Regulation.
- (3) As no statement of opposition under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been received by the Commission, the amendments to the specification should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The amendments to the product specification published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* regarding the name 'Nocciola Romana' (PDO) are hereby approved.

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, 29 March 2022.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 667/2009 of 22 July 2009 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications (Nocciola Romana (PDO)) (OJ L 194, 25.7.2009, p. 5).

⁽³⁾ OJ C 491, 7.12.2021, p. 15.

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/537**of 4 April 2022****concerning the authorisation of a preparation of lemon extract as a feed additive for all animal species****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such an authorisation. Article 10(2) of that Regulation provides for the re-evaluation of additives authorised pursuant to Council Directive 70/524/EEC ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Lemon extract was authorised without a time limit in accordance with Directive 70/524/EEC as a feed additive for all animal species. That additive was subsequently entered in the Register of feed additives as an existing product, in accordance with Article 10(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (3) In accordance with Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 in conjunction with Article 7 thereof, an application was submitted for the re-evaluation of a preparation of lemon extract for all animal species.
- (4) The applicant requested the additive to be classified in the additive category 'sensory additives' and in the functional group 'flavouring compounds'. That application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (5) The applicant requested the preparation of lemon extract to be authorised also for use in water for drinking. However, Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 does not allow the authorisation of flavouring compounds for use in water for drinking. Therefore, the use of the preparation of lemon extract in water for drinking should not be allowed.
- (6) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 29 September 2021 ⁽³⁾ that, under the proposed conditions of use, the preparation of lemon extract does not have adverse effects on animal health, consumer health or the environment. The Authority also concluded that the preparation of lemon extract should be considered a skin and eye irritant, and a potential corrosive. Therefore, the Commission considers that appropriate protective measures should be taken to prevent adverse effects on human health, in particular as regards the users of the additive.
- (7) The Authority concluded, that the preparation of lemon extract is recognised to flavour food and its function in feed would be essentially the same as that in food, therefore, no further demonstration of efficacy is considered necessary. It also verified the report on the methods of analysis of the feed additive in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ Council Directive 70/524/EEC of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs (OJ L 270, 14.12.1970, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(11):6893.

- (8) The assessment of the preparation of lemon extract shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the use of that preparation should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (9) Certain conditions should be provided for to allow better control. In particular, a recommended content should be indicated on the label of the feed additive. Where such content is exceeded, certain information should be indicated on the label of premixtures.
- (10) The fact that the preparation of lemon extract is not authorised for use as a flavouring in water for drinking does not preclude its use in compound feed which is administered via water.
- (11) Since safety reasons do not require the immediate application of the modifications to the conditions of authorisation of the preparation concerned, it is appropriate to allow a transitional period for interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements resulting from the authorisation.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Authorisation

The preparation specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'sensory additives' and to the functional group 'flavouring compounds', is authorised as an additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

Article 2

Transitional measures

1. The preparation specified in the Annex and premixtures containing this preparation, which are produced and labelled before 25 October 2022 in accordance with the rules applicable before 25 April 2022 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the existing stocks are exhausted.
2. Compound feed and feed materials containing the preparation as specified in the Annex which are produced and labelled before 25 April 2023 in accordance with the rules applicable before 25 April 2022 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the existing stocks are exhausted if they are intended for food-producing animals.
3. Compound feed and feed materials containing the preparation as specified in the Annex which are produced and labelled before 25 April 2024 in accordance with the rules applicable before 25 April 2022 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the existing stocks are exhausted if they are intended for non-food-producing animals.

Article 3

Entry into force

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, 4 April 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method.	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
					mg active substance/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			

Category: Sensory additives. Functional group: Flavouring compounds

2b139a-ex	Lemon extract	<p><i>Additive composition</i></p> <p>Preparation of lemon extract derived from the fruit of <i>Citrus limon</i> (L.) Osbeck ⁽¹⁾ with propionic acid ≤ 1 %.</p> <p>Liquid form</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance</i></p> <p>Aqueous extract of the material remaining after the extraction of juice from the fruit of <i>Citrus limon</i> (L.) Osbeck as defined by the Council of Europe ⁽²⁾.</p> <p>Dry matter: 51-53 % Total polyphenols (expressed as pyrogallol equivalents): ≥ 1 % Eriocitrin: ≥ 4 000 mg/kg Hesperidin: ≥ 2 000 mg/kg Limonin: 36-92 mg/kg Nomilin: 14-113 mg/kg Citric acid: 4-7 % Osidic compounds: ≥ 42 %</p>	All animal species		-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The additive shall be incorporated into the feed in the form of a premixture. In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions and stability to heat treatment shall be indicated. On the label of the additive the following shall be indicated: 'Recommended maximum content of the active substance per kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %: 1 000 mg'. The functional group, the identification number, the name and the added amount of the active substance shall be indicated on the label of the premixture where the use level on the label of the premixture would result in exceeding the level referred to in point 3. 	25 April 2032
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		<p>CAS number: 84929-31-7 Eines number: 284-515-8 FEMA number: 2623 CoE number: 139a</p> <p><i>Analytical method</i> ⁽³⁾</p> <p>For the quantification of the phytochemical marker (total polyphenols) in the feed additive:</p> <p>— spectrophotometry at 760 nm expressing the total polyphenols content as pyrogallol equivalent (European Pharmacopoeia monograph 2.8.14)</p>					<p>5. The mixture of lemon extract with other authorised additives obtained from <i>Citrus limon</i> (L.) Osbeck shall not be allowed in feedingstuffs.</p> <p>6. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks by inhalation, dermal contact or eyes contact. Where those risks cannot be eliminated or reduced to a minimum by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal protective equipment, including skin and eye protection.</p>	
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⁽¹⁾ Synonym *Citrus Limon* (L.) Burm. f.

⁽²⁾ Natural sources of flavourings – Report No 2 (2007).

⁽³⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/eurl/feed-additives/evaluation-reports>.

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/538**of 4 April 2022****concerning the renewal of the authorisation of sodium benzoate as feed additive for weaned piglets, the new authorisation for weaned piglets of other *Suidae* and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 496/2011 (holder of the authorisation Taminco Finland Oy)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such an authorisation.
- (2) Sodium benzoate was authorised for 10 years as a feed additive for weaned piglets by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 496/2011 ⁽²⁾.
- (3) In accordance with Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, in conjunction with Article 7 thereof, an application was submitted by the holder of the authorisation for the renewal of the authorisation of sodium benzoate for weaned piglets and for a new use for piglets of other *Suidae*, requesting that additive to be classified in the additive category 'zootechnical additives' and functional group 'other zootechnical additives'. That application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) and Article 14(2) of that Regulation.
- (4) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 29 September 2021 ⁽³⁾ that, under the proposed conditions of use, sodium benzoate does not have an adverse effect on the health of weaned piglets, consumer safety or the environment. This conclusion can be extended to other growing *Suidae*. The Authority concluded that the additive should be considered a skin sensitiser and that the powder formulation of the additive represents a risk by inhalation. Therefore, the Commission considers that appropriate protective measures should be taken to prevent adverse effects on human health, in particular as regards the users of the additive. Further, the Authority concluded based the efficacy data previously evaluated that the additive has the potential to be efficacious in weaned piglets. The conclusions on the efficacy reached in weaned piglets can be extended to other growing *Suidae* species at the corresponding physiological stage. The Authority does not consider that there is a need for specific requirements of post-market monitoring. It also verified the report on the method of analysis of the feed additive in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (5) The assessment of sodium benzoate shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the authorisation of that additive should be renewed for weaned piglets and its use for piglets of other *Suidae* species at the corresponding physiological stage should be authorised, as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (6) As a consequence of the renewal of the authorisation of sodium benzoate as a feed additive under the conditions laid down in the Annex to this Regulation, Implementing Regulation (EU) No 496/2011 should be repealed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 496/2011 of 20 May 2011 concerning the authorisation of sodium benzoate as a feed additive for weaned piglets as a feed additive (OJ L 134, 21.5.2011, p. 9).

⁽³⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(11):6899.

- (7) Since safety reasons do not require the immediate application of the modifications to the conditions of authorisation for the substance concerned, it is appropriate to provide a transitional period for interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements resulting from the renewal of the authorisation.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The substance specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'zootechnical additives' and to the functional group 'other zootechnical additives' is authorised and renewed as an additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

Article 2

Implementing Regulation (EU) No 496/2011 is repealed.

Article 3

1. The substance referred to in Article 1 and premixtures containing it, which are produced and labelled before 25 October 2022 in accordance with the rules applicable before 25 April 2022 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the existing stocks are exhausted.
2. Feed materials and compound feed containing the substance referred to in paragraph 1, which are produced and labelled before 25 April 2023 in accordance with the rules applicable before 25 April 2022 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the existing stocks are exhausted.

Article 4

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, 4 April 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						mg of active substance/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
Category: zootechnical additives. Functional group: other zootechnical additives (improvement of zootechnical performances)									
4d5	Taminco Finland Oy	Sodium benzoate	<p><i>Additive composition</i></p> <p>Granular or powder formulation with a minimum of 99 % sodium benzoate</p> <hr/> <p><i>Characterisation of active substance</i></p> <p>Sodium benzoate Chemical formula: C₇H₅O₂ Na CAS number: 532-32-1</p> <hr/> <p><i>Analytical method</i> (1)</p> <p>For the determination of sodium benzoate (as total benzoic acid) in the feed additive, premixtures compound feed and feed materials: — High performance liquid chromatography with ultraviolet detection (HPLC-UV) – EN 17298</p> <p>For the determination of total sodium in the feed additive:</p>	Weaned piglets of all Suidae	-		4 000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the directions for use of the additive and premixture, the storage conditions and stability to heat treatment shall be indicated. 2. The additive shall not be used with other sources of benzoic acid or benzoates. 3. Recommended minimum dose: 4 000 mg/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %. 4. The directions of use shall indicate: 'Complementary feed containing sodium benzoate shall not be fed to weaned piglets of all <i>Suidae</i> as such. Complementary feed containing sodium benzoate shall be thoroughly mixed with other compounds of the daily ration'. 	25 April 2032

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						mg of active substance/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) – EN ISO 6869; or — Inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) – EN 15510 					5. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated or reduced to a minimum by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal protective equipment, including eyes, skin and breathing protection.	

(¹) Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/eurl/feed-additives/evaluation-reports>

DECISIONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2022/539

of 4 April 2022

implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP of 31 May 2013 concerning restrictive measures against Syria ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 30(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 May 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
- (2) Further to an evaluation of the relevant circumstances, two entries should be deleted from the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies set out in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
- (3) Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 4 April 2022.

For the Council
The President
R. BACHELOT-NARQUIN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 147, 1.6.2013, p. 14.

ANNEX

The following entries are deleted from the list set out in Section A ('Persons') of Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP:

- 270. Bashar Mohammad ASSI;
 - 286. Khaldoun AL-ZOUBI.
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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2022/540**of 1 April 2022****establishing a list of geographical indications protected under Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council to be filed as applications for international registration pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications ⁽²⁾ ('the Geneva Act') is an international agreement under which the Contracting Parties implement a system of mutual protection of appellations of origin and geographical indications.
- (2) Following Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754 ⁽³⁾ on the accession of the Union to the Geneva Act, the Union deposited the instrument of accession to the Geneva Act on 26 November 2019. The accession of the Union to the Geneva Act took effect on 26 February 2020. Since the Union was the fifth Contracting Party acceding to the Geneva Act, the Geneva Act entered into force on that same date, in accordance with Article 29(2) of the Geneva Act.
- (3) In accordance with Article 5(1) and (2) of the Geneva Act, the Competent Authorities of each Contracting Party to the Geneva Act may file applications for international registration of an appellation of origin or geographical indication with the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, which registers it in the International Register. In accordance with Article 9 of the Geneva Act, the other Contracting Parties may decide whether to protect that appellation of origin or geographical indication in their territories at the end and in the light of a specific screening procedure.
- (4) In accordance with Article 1(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753, for the purposes of that Regulation and of the acts adopted pursuant thereto, the term 'geographical indications' covers the geographical indications within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾.
- (5) In accordance with Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753, as the Competent Authority of the Union, the Commission is empowered to file applications for international registration of Union appellations of origin and geographical indications with the International Bureau upon the accession of the Union to the Geneva Act and thereafter on a regular basis.
- (6) Between October and November 2021, Member States sent to the Commission, in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753, three requests to register in the International Register geographical indications that originate in their territory and that are protected in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/787.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 271, 24.10.2019, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 271, 24.10.2019, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754 of 7 October 2019 on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (OJ L 271, 24.10.2019, p. 12).

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the definition, description, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks, the use of ethyl alcohol and distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 (OJ L 130, 17.5.2019, p. 1).

- (7) Names protected in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/787 as geographical indications should be filed as applications for registration in the International Register as geographical indications.
- (8) A list of geographical indications, based on those requests of the Member States to the Commission to file applications for international registration of geographical indications that originate in their territory and that are protected in the Union in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/787, should therefore be established.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Spirit Drinks,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

A list of geographical indications protected under Regulation (EU) 2019/787 to be filed as applications for international registration by the Commission is established in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 1 April 2022.

For the Commission
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

List of the geographical indications protected in the Union in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/787 (geographical indications) to be filed as applications for international registration pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753

Bulgaria

- Стралджанска Мускатова ракия/Мускатова ракия от Стралджа/Straldjanska Muscatova rakya/Muscatova rakya from Straldja (GI)
- Ямболска гроздова ракия/Гроздова ракия от Ямбол/Yambolska grozdova rakya/Grozdova rakya от Yambol (GI)

Greece

- Τσίπουρο Τυρνάβου/Tsipouro of Tyrnavos (GI)
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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2022/541**of 1 April 2022****establishing a list of geographical indications protected under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council to be filed as applications for international registration pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications ⁽²⁾ ('the Geneva Act') is an international agreement under which the Contracting Parties implement a system of mutual protection of appellations of origin and geographical indications.
- (2) Following Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754 ⁽³⁾ on the accession of the Union to the Geneva Act, the Union deposited the instrument of accession to the Geneva Act on 26 November 2019. The accession of the Union to the Geneva Act took effect on 26 February 2020. Since the Union was the fifth Contracting Party acceding to the Geneva Act, the Geneva Act entered into force on that same date, in accordance with Article 29(2) of the Geneva Act.
- (3) In accordance with Article 5(1) and (2) of the Geneva Act, the Competent Authorities of each Contracting Party to the Geneva Act may file applications for international registration of an appellation of origin or geographical indication with the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, which registers it in the International Register. In accordance with Article 9 of the Geneva Act, the other Contracting Parties may decide whether to protect that appellation of origin or geographical indication in their territories at the end and in the light of a specific screening procedure.
- (4) In accordance with Article 1(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753, for the purposes of that Regulation and of the acts adopted pursuant thereto, the term 'geographical indications' covers the protected designations of origin and the protected geographical indications within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾.
- (5) In accordance with Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753, as the Competent Authority of the Union, the Commission is empowered to file applications for international registration of Union appellations of origin and geographical indications with the International Bureau upon the accession of the Union to the Geneva Act and thereafter on a regular basis.
- (6) Between November and December 2021, Member States sent to the Commission, in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753, four requests to register in the International Register protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications that originate in their territory and that are protected in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 271, 24.10.2019, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 271, 24.10.2019, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754 of 7 October 2019 on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (OJ L 271, 24.10.2019, p. 12).

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

- (7) Names protected in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as protected designation of origin (PDO) and protected geographical indications (PGI) should be filed as applications for registration in the International Register as appellations of origin and geographical indications respectively.
- (8) A list of protected designations of origin (PDOs) and protected geographical indications (PGIs), based on those requests of the Member States to the Commission to file applications for international registration of geographical indications that originate in their territory and that are protected in the Union in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, should therefore be established.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets (Wine),

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

A list of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications protected under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 to be filed as applications for international registration by the Commission is established in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 1 April 2022.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

List of the geographical indications protected in the Union in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 (protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications) to be filed as applications for international registration pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753

Greece

— Σαντορίνη (PDO)

France

— Val de Loire (PGI)

— Pays d'Oc (PGI)

Italy

— Bolgheri (PDO)

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