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The Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture Supports the Worldwide Geographical Indications Compilation

The Organization for an International Geographical Indications Network (oriGIn) is glad to announce today that the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG) decided to join the group of donors supporting its project of an online compilation of all Geographical Indications (GIs) currently protected in the world.

"We welcomed the ambitious initiative launched by oriGIn and believe that this project will be of high practical value to producers and national authorities in charge of GIs. The financial support of the FOAG will be devoted to carry out research concerning the European countries not members of the European Union as well as the GIs protected in foreign jurisdictions through bilateral and multilateral treaties. We believe that this information will enrich oriGIn's compilation", said Mr. Jacques Chavaz, Deputy Director of the FOAG.

"We thank the FOAG for this contribution, which allows us to expand our research to a very interesting geographical area in terms of quality products. As oriGIn expects to finalize this project in 2014, we take this opportunity to call on relevant stakeholders, such as government agencies, GI producers, international organizations, NGOs, trademark offices, law firms, universities and foundations, to join our cooperation network and contribute to finalize this fascinating project", stated Mr. Alain Farine, Director of the "Association suisse des AOC-IGP" et member of the Executive Committee of oriGIn.