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oriGIn welcomes the outcome of the discussion on the Milk Package which provides for GI cheese producers the possibility to manage their production

At a trilogue meeting in Brussels today, the Council of Ministers, the European Parliament and the European Commission reached an important agreement on the Milk Package. The compromise which has to be ratified by the Ministers and all of the Members of the European Parliament in plenary session provides for groups of producers in charge of a Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) or Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) cheese to manage the growth of their production volumes.

“We are delighted that the EU institutions have recognized the importance of production management tools for cheeses with a PDO and a PGI status. These traditional products need to be able to prevent crisis that have a catastrophic impacts. Thanks to the new EU legal framework, GI producer groups will be able to find a balance between the supply and the demand for their quality products, hence preventing crisis and improving the sustainable development of their unique products and regions”, stated Mr. Patrice Chassard, Vice President of oriGIn and President of French Conseil National Appellations d’Origine Laitières (CNAOL).

“oriGIn has been urging EU decision-makers to allow GI producers to manage their production if they so wish in the context of both the Milk Package and the Quality Package which is still in discussion”, affirmed Mr. José Enrique Garrigós Ibañez, Vice President of oriGIn and President of Asociación española de Denominaciones de Origen (ORIGEN España).

“We trust that the adoption of the Milk Package in the coming weeks will open the door to the adoption of similar provisions on the management of production for other GI products in the context of the Quality Package. Many GI sectors need to be able to prevent crisis to ensure a sustainable growth. Such tools do not cost anything to the EU budget and guarantee the availability of a variety of quality and unique products to consumers”, concluded Mr. Leo Bertozzi, Vice President of oriGIn, Director of the Consorzio del Formaggio Parmigiano-Reggiano and Member of the Board of Directors of Associazione Italiana Consorzi Indicazioni Geografiche (AICIG), in charge of EU Relations.