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Submitted to **Consultation on establishing UK Geographical Indications (GI) schemes after exit**
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First of all, please tell us about yourself

Would you like your response to be confidential?

No

If you answered yes to this question, please give your reason:

What is your name?

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Amendments to the provisions of existing GI schemes: UK logos and symbols

1 What should UK logos for the PDO, PGI and TSG schemes represent, and how might this be reflected in their design?

Please provide your answer below:

We would like to take this opportunity to mention that the future UK logos for the PDO and PGI should be optional for GIs originating from the EU-27, and in general for non-UK GIs. Making them mandatory would be really confusing for UK consumers as it would represent a change of labelling. Moreover, the mandatory labelling of the UK logo would lead to important costs for producers that would have to prepare specific labels for the UK market.

2 Is three years an appropriate adoption period for existing UK GI holders to update their packaging to reflect the new logo?

Not sure

Please explain the reason for your answer (e.g. if you don't agree, how long do you think the adoption period should last?) :

As stated above, we would like the UK logos to be optional for GIs originating from the EU-27, and in general for non-UK GIs.

Amendments to the provisions of existing GI schemes: Appeals

3 Do you consider that the First-tier Tribunal is an appropriate destination for the handling of appeals against decisions by the Secretary of State?

Not sure

Please explain the reason for your answer :

In general terms, it is crucial for businesses, including GI groups, to benefit from fast procedures at a limited cost. The UK authorities should set up procedures that are accessible to all GI managing bodies (including small groups). Moreover, the costs of such procedures should not be a limiting factor to decide whether or not to take legal actions.

4 Do you consider that the General Regulatory Chamber Rules will suit the handling of these appeals?

Not sure

Please explain the reason for your answer (e.g. if not, why not?):

Not sure.

We would like to reiterate here what has been mentioned in the response to question 3.

5 Do you agree that the right to appeal should apply to all decisions listed below?

Yes

Please provide your answer below:

Are there any others that you think should be added? :

6 Do you have any other comments on the new UK GI schemes, or the wines and spirits regulations, as set out in this consultation?

Please provide your answer here :

We call upon the UK authorities to grant automatic protection to all GIs currently registered in the EU (UK & EU-27), without the need for the relevant GIs groups to submit an application, and to retain the current level of GIs protection provided by the EU regulations, including the GIs provisions of the new spirit drinks regulation (in particular the ones concerning counterfeiting goods in transit in the EU).

Consultee Feedback on the Online Survey

11 Overall, how satisfied are you with our online consultation tool?

Very satisfied

Please give us any comments you have on the tool, including suggestions on how we could improve it.: