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Department of Central Inspectorate for fraud repression and quality safeguarding of agri-food products (ICQRF)

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AN OVERVIEW ON ITALIAN CONTROLS AND CONTROL BODIES



Foodstuffs' Official Controls System in Italy is divided into two main groups:

1) Food safety, hygiene:

• Ministry of Health, Regions (No. 21), Local Public Health Autorithies (No 195), etc.

2) Quality controls, labeling, fair information to consumers and so on:

• **MiPAAF/ICQRF**, Regions (in some aspects), Police (Italy has No. 4 Police forces on State level), Custom Agency, Private or Public Control Bodies responsible for the certification of foostuffs as PDO, PGI and Bio, PDOs and PGIs Consortium delegated to carrying out controls by MiPAAF, and so on

The high number of Inspection Bodies is the result of:

our history. Italy has a long tradition in checking foostuffs, some Agencies or Polices was charged of inspecting food long time ago (for example ICQRF, as anti-fraud Service, was founded in the 20's of the past century);

our distribution of controls power between State and Regional/Local entities (due to our amended Constitution in 2001);

our huge agricultural and foodstuffs heritage.



A few words about us



ICQRF is an Italian acronym which identifies the **Department of Central** Inspectorate for fraud repression and quality safeguarding of agrifood products

The complexity of this name reflects the wide range of responsibility in charge to ICQRF that is the Law Enforcement Body of the MiPAAF (Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Foodstuff and Forestry Policies) responsible for preventing and repressing any breach of European and Italian laws relating to:

- agri-foodstuffs productions, (from farming to food processing industries as well as at their wholesale and retail stage);
- farm supply products (seeds, feed, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers and plant growth products).



.....the ICQRF is in charge of:



Carring out Official Controls according to (EC) Reg. No. 882/2004 (by means Inspections, Chemical Analyses and, if the case, working as Police under the coordination of a Public Prosecutor).

Imposing monetary or other sanctions as result of inspection or analyses findings

Authorizing private or public control bodies to the certification of foostuffs as PDO, PGI and Organic.

Supervising the activities of the aforementioned private or public control bodies.

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An overview on ICQRF Organisation

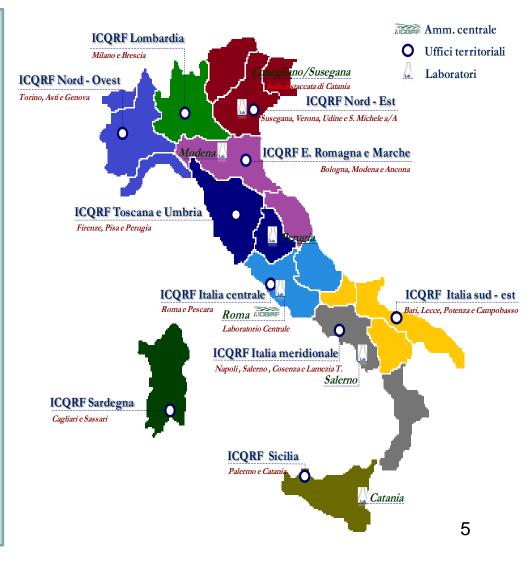


Head of of ICQRF

At central level, the Department consists of two Directorates-General.

At local level, it has 10 decentralised inspection offices and 19 local units.

ICQRF has also its own laboratories network, comprising 6 chemical laboratories, all EU accreditated





THE OFFICIAL CONTROL OF ICQRF



The Official Controls carried out by ICQRF (by means Inspections, Chemical Analyses and, if the case, working as Police under the coordination of a Public Prosecutor) are divided into two main groups:

a) Controls on requirements of the nature and/or composition of agrifoodstuffs and farm supply products, mainly intended against



.....the adulterations, the sophistications, the counterfaiting and frauds.

b) Controls on requirements concerning regulated quality produtions such as PDOs, PGIs, Organics, mainly intended against.....



- also any misuse, imitation or evocation, and so on.....



THE OFFICIAL CONTROL OF ICQRF #1



ICQRF activity (2014) **Inspection activity** 36.359 **Controls (no.)** 26.289 Controlled Operators/Premises (no.) Inspection Activity 3.907 irregular (no.) 14,9 irregular (%) **Controlled products (no.)** 54.469 5.169 irregular (no.) 9,5 irregular (%) 9.480 Samples drawn (no.)



THE OFFICIAL CONTROL OF ICQRF #2



9.939

862

8,7

ICQRF activity (2014)

Analytical Activity



Analysed Samples (no.)

Irregular Samples (%)









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Criminal Reports (no.)	359
Administrative Notifications (no.)	4.276
Formal notices (no.)	890
Seizures (no.)	581
Seizures Value (million euro)	42,7



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48

13

21

ICQRF activity (2014)

Surveillance or supervision on activities of the private or public control bodies

Control Bodies supervised (no.)

Control Bodies on PDO and PGI

wines

Control Bodies on PDO and PGI non

wines

Control Bodies on Organic farming products

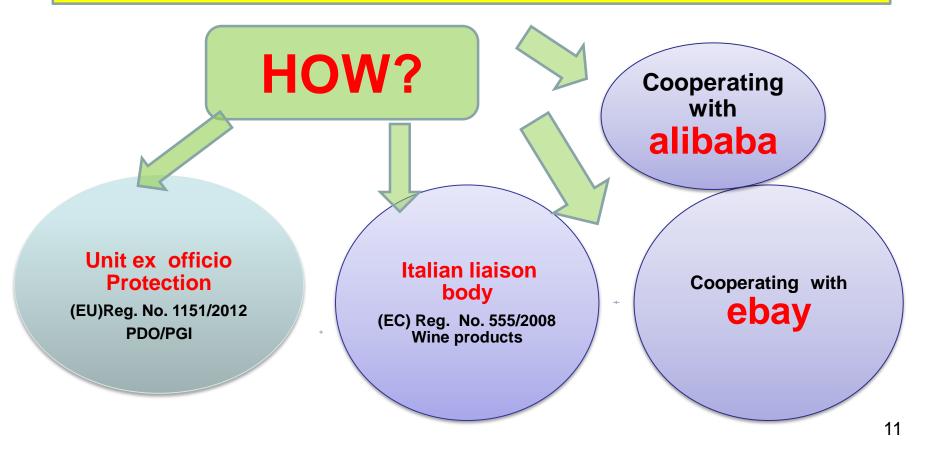
Control Bodies on meat labeling



THE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES OF ICQRF



As from 2014 ICQRF has seen its role increased as a result of new provisions and has strengthened its control activities aiming at protecting our food and agricultural quality products in the EU and in the Word, by contrasting both frauds and the so-called "Italian sounding".







ICQRF report (november 1, 2015)No. cases« EX OFFICIO» reports101«EBay» listings removed282«ALIBABA» listings removed55«wine sector» reports

MADE IN ITALY PROTECTION REPORTS





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ICQRF and the international context Playing a key role



<u>why is so important to protect our foodstuff excellences</u> <u>on international basis</u>

- The quality and diversity of the Italy's agricultural and foodstuffs production is one of our main strengths;
- Italy has the highest number of PDO/PGI in Europe;
- Probably Italy has the highest food biodiversity in the world;
- Agri-food export is the first economic sector as export in Italy;
- Italy has the biggest PDO/PGI of Europe in therms of value.



WHAT WE ARE DOING IN THE EU



The "ex Officio Protection" in Italy and in the EU

The EU in 2012 passed the Regulation No 1151/2012 aimed at improving and strengthening the protection of European PDOs and PGI



By this EU Regulation has deeply changed its view about foodstuffs and their protection:



In this context Italy, by the Ministerial Decree of October 14th 2013, has implemented the aforementioned EU Regulation charging ICQRF as National Authority responsible for *"ex officio protection"* of Italian PDOs and PGIs in Italy and in the EU.



"ex Officio" CASES



1.Tuscan extra virgin olive oil" on the english website www.harrods.com

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	Women Men Accessories	Shoes Children Beauty	Food & Wine Homewares	Gifts		
			rods an Extra Virgin Olive Oil (500ml)	£12.95 Product Code 3474905		
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·	Click to view Full S	Screen	Cold pressed 500ml Produced in Italy			



"ex Officio" CASES



2. "Ocet Balsamiczny z Modeny" without any certification on the website www.dodomku.pl and on the Polish markets





"ex Officio" CASES



3. "La Grana» and «Asiago» cheese «MADE IN LETTONIA»





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4. «Parmesan» and «Romano» cheese powders in UK»



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but can sometimes be from goat, or other animals as specified or required.



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Kanegrade supplies butter powder. Variations include fat content, (eg 80%), please specify or discuss this when enquiring.

Kanegrade supplies a large range of dairy ingredients which are various products derived from milk. This is usually cows milk

Dairy ingredients come in the form of dried powders or pieces and may be in the form of cream, butter, yoghurt and other

They are suitable for many applications including: desserts, sauces, dips, coatings, biscuits, cakes, yoghurt, seasonings, snack

Cheese Powders

Dairy Ingredients

dairy related products.

flavours and biscuit fillings.

Butter Powders

Why Choose Us	
	Kanegrade is a supplier of Cheese Powder in a variety of different English and European cheeses. Application areas include:
Our Product Range	sauces, dips, coatings, biscuits, cheesecakes, seasonings, snack flavours and biscuit fillings.
Find Kanegrade	They include (but are not limited to:
Latest News	Blue Cheese Powder Nacho Cheese Townfar
	Cheddar Cheese Powder
	Parmesan Cheese Powder
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	Gruyere Cheese Powder

To enquire about these products please click on Enquiry, or read below for more information.



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4. «Parmesan» and «Romano» cheese powders in UK after....without Parmesan and Romano cheese



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Dairy Ingredients

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Dairy ingredients come in the form of dried powders or pieces and may be in the form of cream, butter, yoghurt and other dairy related products.

They are suitable for many applications including: desserts, sauces, dips, coatings, biscuits, cakes, yoghurt, seasonings, snack flavours and biscuit fillings.

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Cheese Powders

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They include (but are not limited to:

- Blue Cheese Powder
 Nacho Cheese Powder
- Cheddar Cheese Powder
- Emmental Cheese Powder
 Gouda Cheese Powder
- Stilton Cheese Powder
- Gruyere Cheese Powder
- Vegetarian Cheese Powde
 Mozzarella Cheese Powder

Cream Powders

Cream powder is available from Kanegrade for use by food manufacturers. The powder is formed from dairy cream. Varieties include variable fat content.

Freeze Dried Cheese

Kanegrade is a supplier of Freeze dried cheese.

Many types of cheese are available including:

Blue Cheese

Nacho
 Cheddar

Chedda

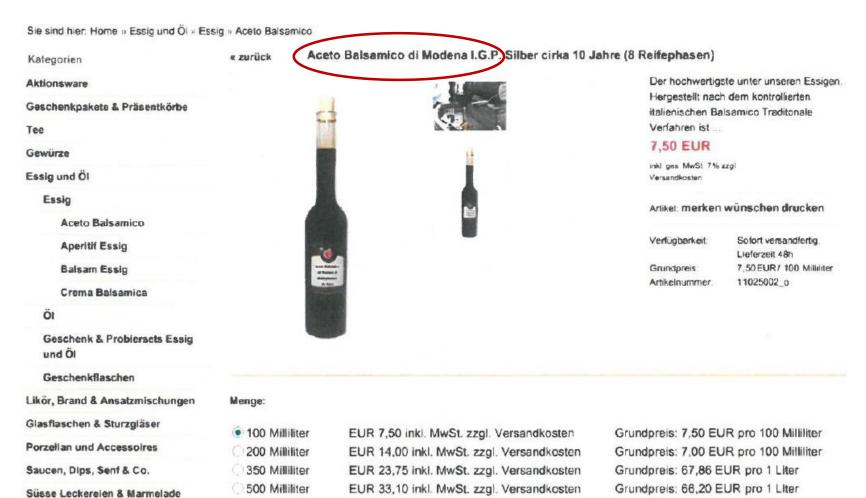
http://www.kanegrade.com/dairy-ingredients

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"ex Officio" CASES 5. Aceto Balsamico di Modena in Germany BEFORE.....





Retroschilder & Wohnaccessoires

Wellness- und Pflegeprodukte



"ex Officio" CASES 5. Aceto Balsamico di Modena in Germany ...AFTER



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WHAT WE ARE DOING IN THE EU



The role as liaison body of contact in the wine sector

Legal basis

(EC) Regulation No 555/2008, laying down detailed rules on the common organisation of the market in wine as regards support programmes, trade with third countries, production potential and <u>on controls in</u> the wine sector

In accordance with Art. <u>No. 82:</u>

Par. 1

Par. 2

• Where a Member State designates several competent bodies to check compliance with the rules governing the wine sector, it shall coordinate the work of those bodies.

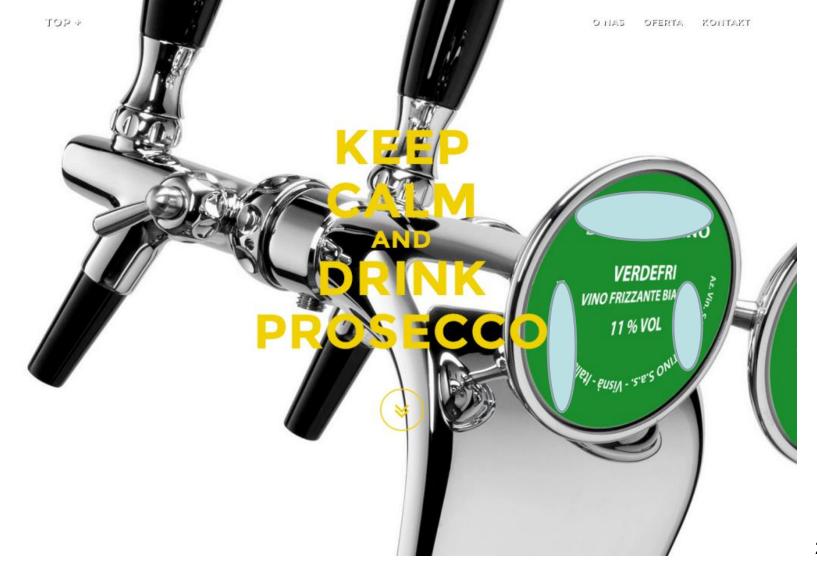
• Each Member State shall designate a single liaison body responsible for contacts with the liaison bodies of other Member States and with the Commission. In particular, the liaison body shall receive and forward requests for cooperation with a view to implementing....and shall represent its Member State vis-à-vis other Member States or the Commission Italy, by the Ministerial Decree of June 19th 2014, appointed ICQRF as liaison body





«Wine sector» cases 1. «**Prosecco**» on tap in Poland







«Wine sector» cases 2. «**Prosecco**» on tap in UK







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WHAT WE ARE DOING IN EU AND IN THE WORLD



Cooperating with ebay and google





- On May 7th 2014 ICQRF and EBAY signed a <u>Memorandum for the protection of GIs</u> on the web through the Program Verified Rights Owner (VeRO) to enable owners of intellectual property rights (such as copyright, trademarks or patents) to report the listings to the ebay whose are encroaching on intellectual property rights;
- Visit MIPAAF-ICQRF personal page on ebay: <u>http://vero.ebay.com/vero/Ministero%20delle%20politiche%20agricole%20</u> <u>%E2%80%93%20ICQRF</u>
- In 2013 Mipaaf and Google made the <u>web Italian PDOs and PGIs</u> <u>Museum</u>: a wonderful gallery of Italian foodstuffs and agricultural products <u>to improve the knowledge (and the protection too) of these products:</u>

Home page of MIPAAF web site <u>www.politicheagricole.it</u>



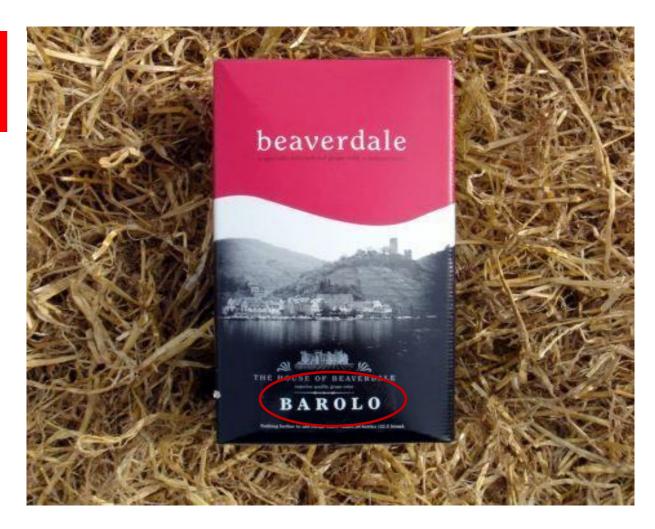


1.Wine-Kit «Barolo»



Shipping worldwide







2.«Prosecco» in cans









3. "CHEESE MAKING KIT – "CHEDDAR" COTTAGE RICOTTA "GOUDA" "PARMESAN" "FETA" COLBY & JACK"

Shipping worldwide

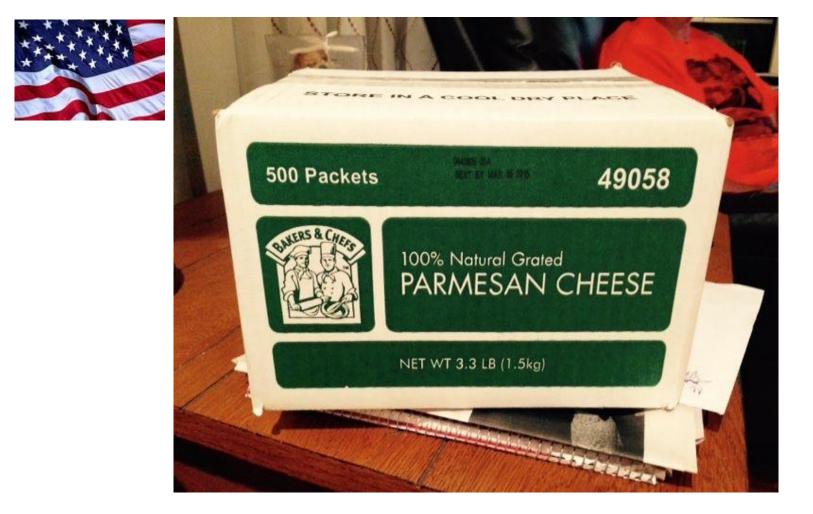




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4. "500 Packets": 100% "*PARMESAN*' CHEESE shipping worldwide





5. Mama Francesca Premium Grated Cheese: "Parmesan" with "Asiago" & "Romano" shipping worldwide







COOPERATION





- In 2013 the value of goods sold by Alibaba Group has reached 248 billion dollars;
- Alibaba set up a system of online reporting, called "AliProtect", to allow trademark owners to protect their trademark and other intellectual property;
- AliProtect provides a complaint process in which brand owners can report any infringement;
- Mipaaf-ICQRF was admitted to the system as the owner of the protection of intellectual property rights of Italian PDOs and PGIs.

The PROCEDURE





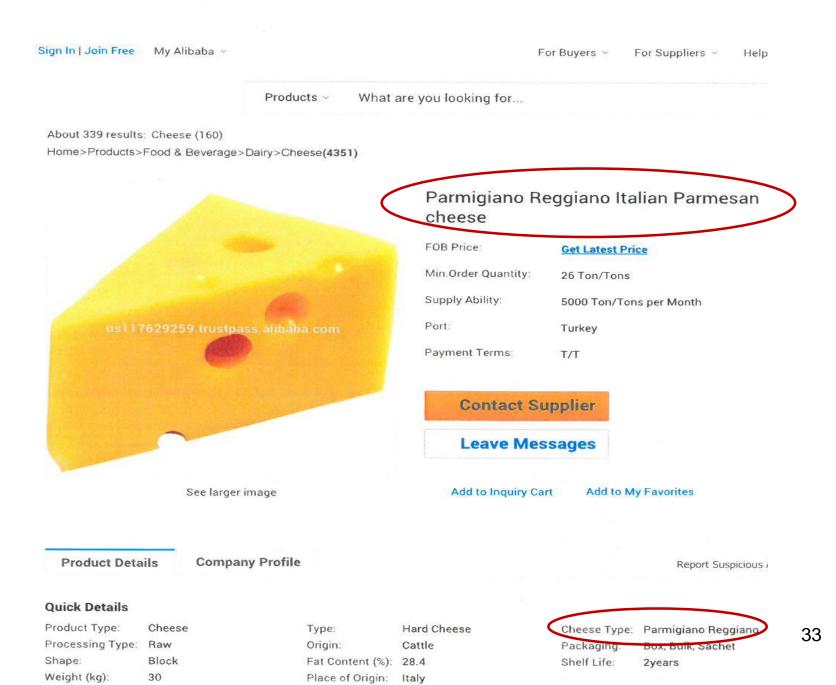
1) ICQRF reports to Alibaba the irregular listing (i.e., a fake Parmesan cheese for sale);

2) Alibaba verifies that the claim is consistent with EU regulations and product specifications;

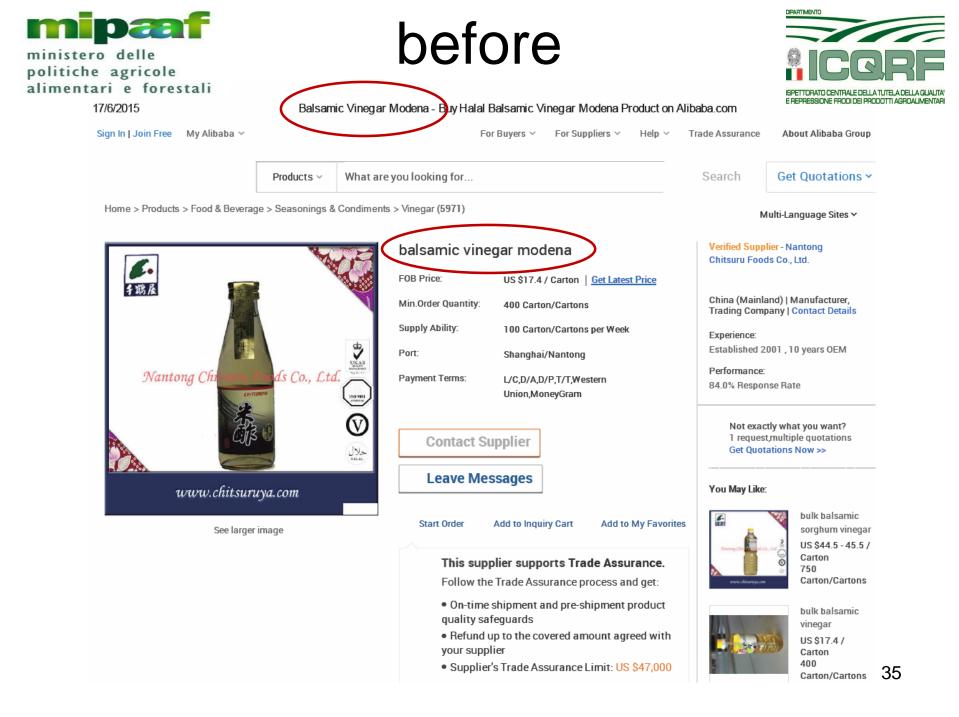
3) Alibaba warns the seller, who has the opportunity to carry out a counter-notification;

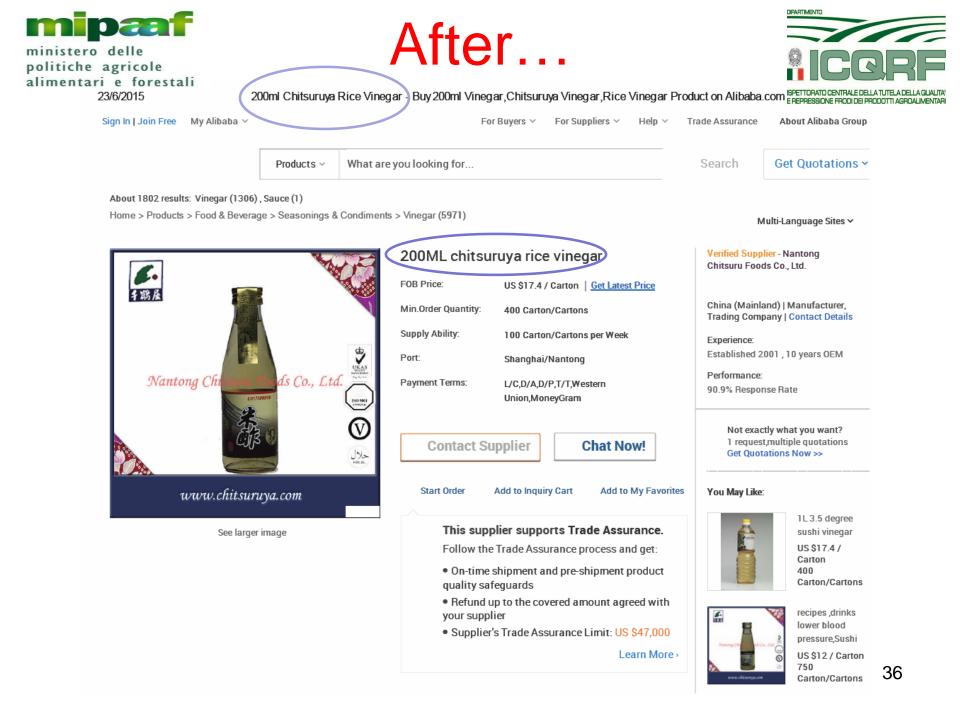
4) In case of a counter-notification, Alibaba examines the documentation and decides whether removing the listing or keeping it on the website. In case of non-removed listing, ICQRF can take legal action toward the seller (event still not occurred, until now).

Parmigiano Reggiano Italian Parmesan Cheese - Buy Italian Cheese Proc



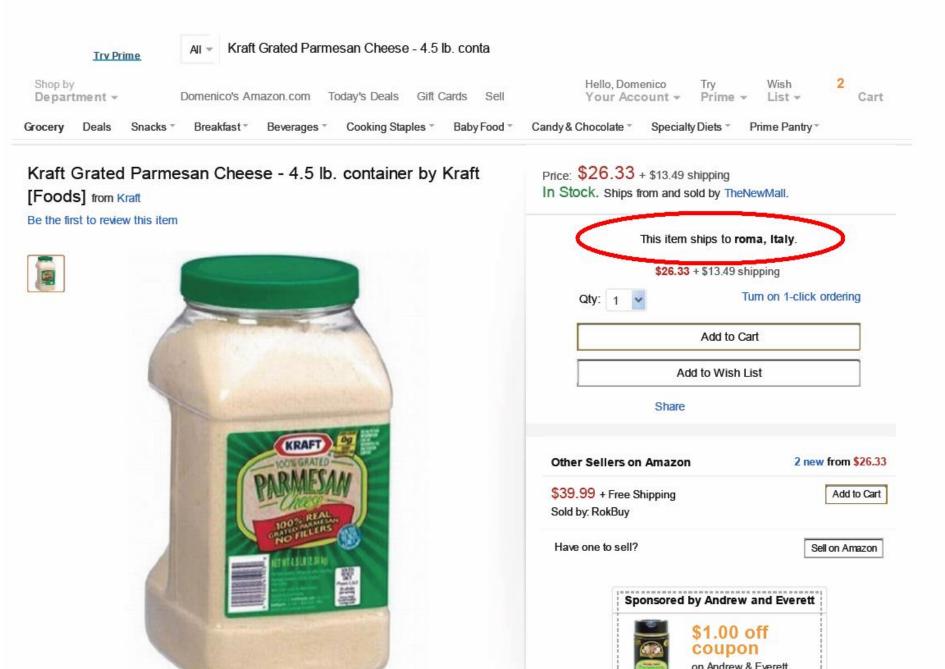


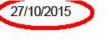




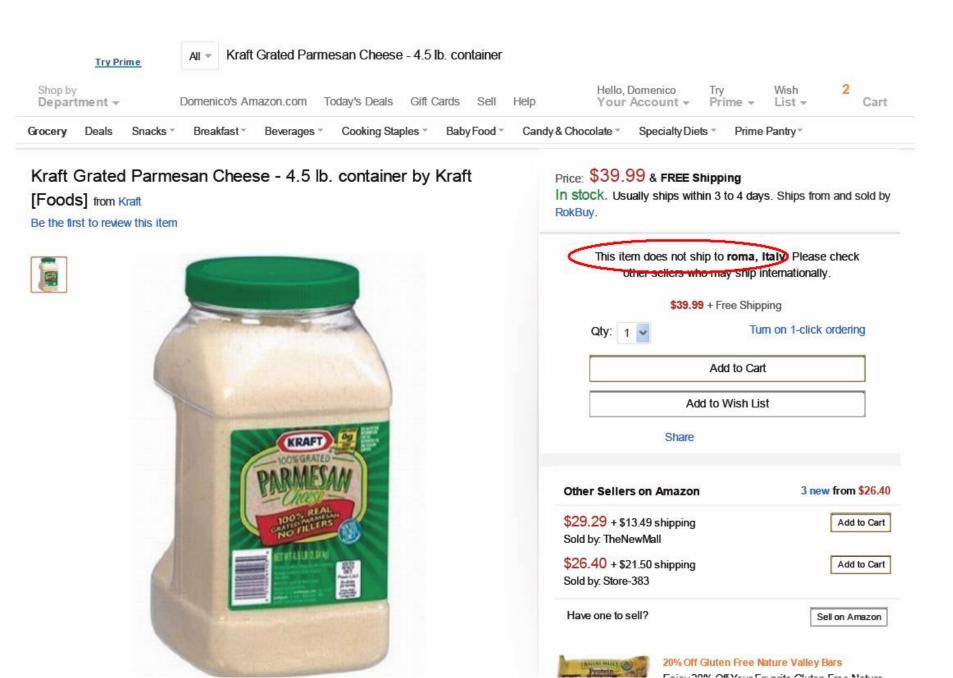


Amazon.com : Kraft Grated Parmesan Cheese - 4.5 lb. container by Kraft [Foods] : Grocery & Gourmet Food





Amazon.com : Kraft Grated Parmesan Cheese - 4.5 lb. container by Kraft [Foods] : Grocery & Gourmet Food









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The Milan Charter

The right to food and food sovereignty: new awareness

"So we, women and men, citizens of this planet, by signing this charter in Milan, we strongly urge governments, international institutions and organizations to commit to:

- Legislative measures to guarantee and ensure the food right and food sovereignty".

The first commitment that the citizens of Planet is to guarantee the <u>food right</u> and <u>food sovereignty</u>.







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Food sovereignty IS NOT just a problem for developing countries...

EU HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN THE ISSUE OF FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

- DISPUTE VS ICAAN
- TTIP NEGOTIATION
- FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EU AND VIETNAM

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY IS A DRIVER FOR ALL G.I.'S







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