

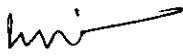
**The Geographical Indication of Goods
(Registration and protection Act, 1999)**

In the matter of an application by the Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka for registration of "Devanahalli Pomelo" (*Citrus maxima*) as a geographical indication in class 31

STATEMENT OF CASE

01. The Department of Horticulture is a public sector organization under the Government of Karnataka promoting the extension and development of Horticulture in Karnataka.
02. Pomelo or Chakkota, is the largest sized citrus fruit known mainly in the western world as the principle ancestor of the grape-wine. In Karnataka the cultivation is in small patches as individual trees or as mixed crop in the orchards. This variety is particularly grown in Devanahalli and surrounding areas. Devanahalli Pomelo owes its name due to its cultivation mainly centered at Devanahalli and its surrounding areas. Geographical extent of Devanahalli Pomelo growing areas should have longitude of $77^{\circ} 33' 08'' - 77^{\circ} 50' 21''$ and latitude of $13^{\circ} 06' 50'' - 13^{\circ} 21' 36''$. In Karnataka, Devanahalli Pomelo variety is localized to around 13 villages in Devanahalli taluk and eight villages of Shidlgatta taluk, seven villages of Doddaballapura taluk and one village of Chikkaballapura district.
03. This variety is famous for their delicious taste and unique flavor, which seem to be influenced by shallow, somewhat excessively drained, gravely loam to clay soils and unique method of organic cultivation (not using any inorganic fertilizers). They are broadly classified under red soils. Area receives an annual rainfall in the range 300 - 807 mm.
04. Fruit shape ranges from round to oblate or pear-shaped 10-30 cm wide with loose thick spongy rind. The rind is greenish-yellow, minutely hairy dotted with green large oil glands. The pulp is pinkish to red, very juicy to fairly dry and the segments are easily skinned. The fruit pulp is consumed as such or used in the preparation of jellies along with other citrus fruits.

05. The unique characteristic of this variety is, the carpels (juicy vesicles / pulp) are pinkish, juicy to fairly dry and the segments are easily skinned. It has characteristic blend of sweet and sour taste. High yield.
06. The name Devanahalli Pomelo therefore qualifies as a geographical indication for the aforesaid type of Pomelo or Chakkota in the aforesaid region. The Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka is accordingly making this application for registering Devanahalli Pomelo as a geographical indication. Department of Horticulture, therefore submits that it is in the interest of farmers that there should be a registration for Devanahalli Pomelo as a geographical indication to ensure that it is sold under the name Devanahalli Pomelo. Since it is produce in the aforesaid region in Karnataka, India and having aforesaid special distinctive and naturally occurring unique characteristics.
07. Such a registration would assist in enforcing the provision of the Geographical indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act 1999.


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