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## Completed negotiations (but agreements not yet in force)

- Australia
- Indonesia
- Eastern African Community
- Morocco

Agreement type	Country	General overview			Aspects related to GIs
		Conclusion of negotiations	Key issues	Next steps	GIs issues
<b>FREE TRADE AGREEMENT</b>	<b>Australia<sup>1</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commission proposed negotiating directives in September 2017.</li> <li>- On 22 May 2018, the Council of the European Union adopted the decision authorising the opening of negotiations for a trade agreement.</li> <li>- On 18 June 2018, EU and Australia launched negotiations.</li> <li>- After a first attempt of negotiation in 2023, the conclusion of negotiation has been <a href="#">announced</a> on 24 March 2026.</li> <li>- The text of the agreement is available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>		<p><i>The texts will go through the necessary EU internal procedures and then will be presented to the Council. Once adopted by the Council, the EU and Australia will sign the agreement. Following the signature, the text is transmitted to the European Parliament for consent. After the consent by the European Parliament, and once the Council decides to conclude the agreement and Australia also ratified it, the agreement can enter into force.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Agreement will protect <b>165 agricultural and food Geographical Indications and 231 spirit drink GIs</b>. See list <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- Some limitations have been agreed on regarding the protection to be granted to certain GIs (e.g. phasing-out periods, grandfathering clauses). The EU and Australia have also agreed on a <b>modernised bilateral wine agreement</b>, updating the full list of EU wine GIs and traditional terms protected in Australia. Building on <a href="#">the previous successful agreement</a>, it will offer protection for all EU wine GIs (representing 1,650 names), including the addition of 50 new wine GIs from 12 different Member States.</li> <li>- <b>The agreement does not provide for an extensive protection of GIs, see IP chapter <a href="#">here</a>.</b></li> <li>- Australia commits to develop a new GI system to allow for the protection of GIs beyond the Agreement. It will also provide a list of eligible prior users to the EU. And the Agreement foresees the opportunity for both Parties to add more GIs in the future.</li> </ul>
<b>COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (CEPA)</b>	<b>Indonesia<sup>2</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Council gave the Commission the green light to start negotiations for an FTA with Indonesia on 18 July 2016.</li> </ul>		<p>The ratification process is ongoing. The Commission foresees the signature of the agreement at the end of 2026 or in early 2027.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The agreement once in force will protect 221 EU agricultural and food Geographical Indications (GIs) and 72 Indonesian ones. See list <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> [https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/australia\\_en](https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/australia_en)

<sup>2</sup> [https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/indonesia/eu-indonesia-agreement\\_en](https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/indonesia/eu-indonesia-agreement_en)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The conclusion of negotiations have been announced on 23 September 2025.</li> <li>- The text of the agreement is available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The details on the protection of GI is available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT</b>	<b>Eastern African Community (EAC)<sup>3</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Negotiations In October 2014.</li> <li>- In September 2016, Kenya and Rwanda signed the Economic</li> <li>- EU-Kenya concluded a separate Economic Partnership Agreement</li> <li>- Partnership Agreement between the East African Community and the EU. All EU Member States and the EU have also signed the Agreement.</li> <li>- All EAC country did not sign the agreement so it's not yet in force.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free and unlimited access to the EU market for EAC products;</li> <li>- EAC markets are not fully liberalised (degree of liberalisation: 80 % over the next 15 years).</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Agreement protects the GIs in the article 74, with the recognition of the importance of the GIs and an agreement of the parties to identify, recognize and protect them.</li> <li>- There is no Easter African or EU GI included yet.</li> </ul>
<b>STAND-ALONE GI AGREEMENT</b>	<b>Morocco<sup>4</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 16 January 2015, the European Union and Morocco have concluded the negotiations.</li> <li>- The agreemen Septt has been submitted to the European Parliament and the Council for ratification.</li> <li>- The ratification process was put on hold because of the legal uncertainty arising from the fact that</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Morocco and the EU will ensure high level protection for their respective GIs for food products</li> </ul>	The ratification process still need to be started.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- According to this agreement, the EU will protect <a href="#">30 Moroccan GIs</a>. Morocco will protect all the existing EU GIs;</li> <li>- The agreement provides for coexistence between pre-existing TMs and GIs.</li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup> Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan ([https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/east-african-community-eac\\_en](https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/east-african-community-eac_en) )

<sup>4</sup> [https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/european-neighbourhood-policy/countries-region/morocco\\_en](https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/european-neighbourhood-policy/countries-region/morocco_en)

		<p>Western Sahara is covered by the agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Joint Declaration of Association Council of June 2019 calls for the relaunch of DCFTA negotiations, which has not yet happened</li></ul>			
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