

# Applicable procedures to challenge and enforce rights in appellations of origin and geographical indications in the European Union

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The procedure applicable in the territory of the European Union to challenge applications for protection of appellations of origin and geographical indications originating in a third country, before the EU decides on the protection thereof, is provided in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753, of the European Parliament and of the Council, on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications. After the EU decision on protection is taken (protection granted or refused) challenges in respect of such a decision may be introduced via the judicial ordinary procedures of the Member States of the European Union and the judicial procedures of the European Court of Justice.

The procedures applicable in the territory of the European Union to enforce rights in appellations of origin and geographical indications consist primarily in the administrative procedures of control Member States are obliged to perform in accordance with the provisions on control in the respective regulations providing for a protection scheme to Geographical Indications (Protected Designation of Origin, Protected Geographical Indications and Geographical Indications)<sup>1</sup>. Please find below (hyperlinks) the public list of Member States' Competent Authorities responsible for the administrative procedures to be used to enforce rights in Protected Designation of Origin and Protected Geographical Indications in the territory of the Union, for food and wine sectors respectively<sup>2</sup>:

Food:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/food\\_safety\\_and\\_quality/documents/national-competent-authorities-food-sector\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/food_safety_and_quality/documents/national-competent-authorities-food-sector_en.pdf)

Wine:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/food\\_safety\\_and\\_quality/documents/competent-authorities-wine-sector\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/food_safety_and_quality/documents/competent-authorities-wine-sector_en.pdf)

The list of the Member States' Competent Authorities responsible for the administrative procedures to be used to enforce rights in Geographical Indications in the territory of the Union for spirit drinks is enclosed in Annex A.

Rights in appellations of origin and geographical indications may also be enforced by having recourse to the judicial ordinary procedures of the Member States of the European Union and the judicial procedures of the European Court of Justice.

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<sup>1</sup> Articles 9(1)(2) and 10(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law etc., Article 13(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, Article 16 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/34 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards applications for protection of designation of origin, geographical indications and traditional terms in the wine sector etc., Article 39 of Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks etc., Articles 20(4) and 31(1) of Regulation (EU) No 251/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products etc.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that while the United Kingdom has withdrawn from the European Union, the Agreement on such Withdrawal provides in its Article 129 that during the transition period, i.e. until 31.12.2020, the United Kingdom shall be bound by the obligations stemming from the international obligations concluded by the EU.

**Authorities responsible for surveillance of the use of names in the market place art. 39 of Reg. (EU) 2019/787 in respect of GI Spirit drinks**

**Disclaimer: these are current data, subject to update**

Member State	MS / Region	No of control Authorities	Name of Authorities or bodies	Address	Telephone number	Telephone no. 2	E-mail	E-mail 2	URL
Denmark	DK	1	The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	Stationsparken 31-33, DK 2600 Glostrup	004572276900		<a href="mailto:29&amp;fvst.dk">29&amp;fvst.dk</a>		
Latvia	LV	1	Ministry of Agriculture	Republikas laukums 2, Riga, LV-1981, Latvia	+37167027502	Fax: +37167027512	<a href="mailto:zm@zm.gov.lv">zm@zm.gov.lv</a>		<a href="http://www.zm.gov.lv">www.zm.gov.lv</a>
Latvia	LV	1	Food and Veterinary Service	Peldu str.30, Riga, LV-1050	+371- 67095230		<a href="mailto:pvd@pvd.gov.lv">pvd@pvd.gov.lv</a>		<a href="http://www.pvd.gov.lv">www.pvd.gov.lv</a>
Lithuania	LT	1	State Food and Veterinary Service	Siesiku str. 19, LT-07170 Vilnius Lithuania	+370 5 240 4361		<a href="mailto:vvt@vet.lt">vvt@vet.lt</a>		<a href="http://vmvt.lt">http://vmvt.lt</a>
Slovenia	SI	1	The Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection	Dunajska cesta 22, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia	+386 1 300 13 00		<a href="mailto:gp.uvhvvr@gov.si">gp.uvhvvr@gov.si</a>		<a href="http://www.uvhvvr.gov.si">www.uvhvvr.gov.si</a>
Greece	GR	1	Hellenic Republic / Independent Authority for Public Revenue / General Directorate of General Chemical State Laboratory Directorate of Alcohol & Foodstuffs Section A	Anast. Tsocha 16 Athens 115 21, Greece	0030-210-6479221	0030-210-6479251	<a href="mailto:alcohol_food@gcsl.gr">alcohol_food@gcsl.gr</a>		<a href="http://www.gcsl.gr">www.gcsl.gr</a>

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Austria	AT	3	Niederösterreich Amt der Niederösterreichischen Landesregierung, Abt. Veterinärangelegenheiten und Lebensmittelkontrolle	Landhausplatz 1 3100 St. Pölten	+43 2742 9005 12689		<a href="mailto:post.LF5-LM@noel.gv.at">post.LF5-LM@noel.gv.at</a>		<a href="http://www.noel.gv.at">www.noel.gv.at</a>
Austria	AT	4	Oberösterreich Amt der Oberösterreichischen Landesregierung Abt. Ernährungssicherheit und Veterinärwesen	Bahnhofplatz 1 4021 Linz	+43 732 7720 14272		<a href="mailto:la.esv.post@ooe.gv.at">la.esv.post@ooe.gv.at</a>		<a href="http://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at">www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at</a>
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Austria	AT	6	Steiermark Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Abteilung 8 Gesundheit, Pflege und Wissenschaft Fachabteilung Gesundheit und Pflegemanagement, Referat Lebensmittelaufsicht	Friedrichgasse 9 8010 Graz	+43 316 877 3541		<a href="mailto:lebensmittelaufsicht@stmk.gv.at">lebensmittelaufsicht@stmk.gv.at</a>		<a href="http://www.gesundheit.steiermark.at">www.gesundheit.steiermark.at</a>

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Austria	AT	9	Wien Amt der Wiener Landesregierung Magistratsabteilung 59	Spittelauer Lände 45 1090 Wien	+43 1 4000 59210		<a href="mailto:post@m59.magwien.gv.at">post@m59.magwien.gv.at</a>		<a href="http://www.wien.at/ma59">www.wien.at/ma59</a>
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Portugal	PT	5	Comissão Vitivinícola Regional Alentejana	Rua Fernanda Seno nº 12 - Apartado 498 (Horta das Figueiras) 7002 - 506 ÉVORA	(+351) 266748870		<a href="mailto:cvralentejo@vinhosdoalentejo.pt">cvralentejo@vinhosdoalentejo.pt</a>		<a href="http://www.vinhosdoalentejo.pt">www.vinhosdoalentejo.pt</a>

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