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Directorate F – Outreach, Research & Geographical Indications  
The Director

Brussels  
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**Subject:** *Question on application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 –  
Publication C/2024/5348 “Ġbejna tan-nagħaġ” PDO-MT-02973  
(10.7.2023)*

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your question of 30 October 2024 (our ref. *Ares(2024)8030827*) asking whether a notice of comments under Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products, as well as traditional specialities guaranteed and optional quality terms for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2019/787 and (EU) 2019/1753 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, may be lodged in connection with the application mentioned above, which was published for opposition after 13 May 2024 (the date on which Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 starts being applied).

Article 90(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 provides that certain Articles of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 apply to applications for which the publication for opposition took place after 13 May 2024, although the applications had been submitted before the date on which Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 applies.

Please note that Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 is not included in Article 90(2).

Therefore, a notice of comments according to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 may not be submitted in connection with the application for registration of “Ġbejna tan-nagħaġ” as PDO.

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The present opinion is provided based on the facts as set out in your email message of 30 October 2024, and expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission. In the event of a dispute involving European Union law, it is for the Court of Justice of the European Union to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable European Union law.

Yours faithfully,



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