



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Directorate F – Outreach, Research & Geographical Indications
The Director

Brussels
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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your question of 27 May 2024 (our ref. *Ares(2024)3791411*) concerning the order of submission in eAmbrosia of standard amendments and applications for Union amendment, in particular as regards the wine sector.

The question of relationship between Union and standard amendments is addressed specifically in the delegated regulations relating to geographical indications in the food and spirit drinks sectors, respectively Article 6(c) of Regulation (EU) 664/2014 ⁽¹⁾ and Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1235 ⁽²⁾, and has been a long-established standard practice of the Commission in the wine sector by analogy of these rules, for consistency reasons. This will be maintained for all three agricultural sectors in the upcoming new delegated regulation that is being prepared following the entry into force of the new GI Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 ⁽³⁾.

Concretely, if a standard amendment that implies an amendment of the single document is approved by the national authorities while an application for approval of a Union amendment is pending with the Commission, the Member State concerned has to update

⁽¹⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 664/2014 of 18 December 2013 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the establishment of the Union symbols for protected designations of origin, protected geographical indications and traditional specialities guaranteed and with regard to certain rules on sourcing, certain procedural rules and certain additional transitional rules.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1235 of 12 May 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council with rules concerning applications for registration of geographical indications of spirit drinks, amendments to product specifications, cancellation of the registration and the register.

⁽³⁾ 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.

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the Single document included in the application for approval of the Union amendment accordingly.

The Member State should make this update on its own initiative, for example when replying in eAmbrosia to the latest Commission letter of comments to the Union amendment. The Commission should at any rate additionally be informed accordingly.

In case any technical issues are encountered when trying to update the Single document in eAmbrosia, the geographical indications unit of DG AGRI (AGRI-GEOGRAPHICAL-INDICATIONS@ec.europa.eu) or the eAmbrosia Helpdesk can be contacted for support.

If the pending Union amendment has already been published for opposition in the Official Journal of the European Union, the updated version of the Single document has to be published in the Official Journal of the European Union, L series, as an Annex to the Implementing Regulation approving the Union amendment.

Reversely, where the amended version of the Single document included in an application for standard amendment approved at national level does not take into account the latest Union amendments that have been approved, that standard amendment will not be published in the Official Journal of the European Union. The Member State must send to the Commission the consolidated version of the Single document as amended by both the Union and the standard amendments for publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

The above information is based solely on the facts set out in your email of 27 May 2024, expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission. In the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the Court of Justice of the European Union to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours faithfully,

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