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Subject: Request of interpretation of Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, associations of producer groups

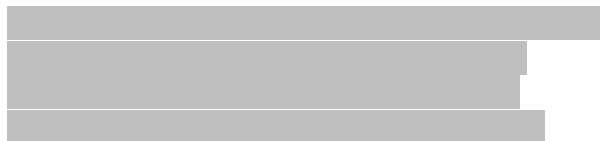
Dear Madam,

Thank you for your email of 20 May 2024 inquiring about the possibility to adopt national legislation introducing minimum requirements for the recognition of associations of producer groups, provided for in Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 ⁽¹⁾.

Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 does not provide for any specific requirements for the establishment of an association of producer groups. The only requirement is that the members of such associations must be producer groups in the sense of Articles 32 or 33 of the Regulation (EU) 2024/1143. A national dimension is not required either. These associations may have regional character.

Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 does not provide for a mechanism of recognition of associations of producer groups. By way of consequence, Member States may not set up a mechanism by which associations of producer groups complying with Article 34 may be denied qualification as such at national level and thereby prevented from exercising the tasks provided for in Article 34(2).

⁽¹⁾ 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.



The above does not prevent Member States from making arrangements to organise cooperation with such associations of producer groups in a more efficient way, provided that such arrangements are not in conflict with the provisions of Article 34.

The present opinion is provided based on the facts as set out in your email 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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