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 Directorate F – Outreach, Research & Geographical Indications
The Director

Brussels
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Subject: Reply to UK letter on PDO and PGI registers

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 2024 informing us about your intention to contact the competent authorities of the Member States to request English translations of the product specifications of geographical indications registered in the Union (EU GIs) where such translation is currently not available in the Union register.

Regarding the EU GIs protected in UK pursuant to Article 54(2) of the Withdrawal Agreement, the protection in the UK territory should apply regardless of the current provisions under UK law, including the requirement to submit the product specification in English. In particular, the Withdrawal Agreement does not require any further administrative procedure to ensure continued protection of the EU established GIs in the UK territory. Article 55(1) thereof provides that the registration or protection pursuant to Article 54(2) shall be carried out using the data available in the registers of the European Commission.

Please note that the product specification is not always available in English at Union level, as the applicants provide for a link to the relevant specifications in the language of their country of origin. This is because the product specification is mostly relevant for those effectively producing the GI product as it contains the detailed information on the production method.

My services, in liaison with the relevant Member States' competent authority or producer groups, remain available to cooperate with the UK should the enforcement bodies need more information in relation to specific requirements of EU GIs.

Yours faithfully,



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c.c.: Competent authorities of all EU Member States (by e-mail only)



