Applications for geographical indications for non-EU products in 2026

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Geographical indications for non-EU products – 2026 applications

Applications:

C/2026/374 [Guinea]

C/2026/375 [Türkiye]

C/2026/700 [Türkiye]

C/2026/723 [Türkiye]

C/2026/1137 [Türkiye]

C/2026/1379 [Mauritius]

C/2026/1634 [Philippines]

C/2026/3210 [Indonesia]

C/2026/3212 [Indonesia]

C/2026/3343 [Guatemala]

C/2026/4133 [Sri Lanka]

C/2026/4450 [Bosnia and Herzegovina]

C/2026/4451 [Indonesia]

C/2026/4739 [Senegal]

C/2026/4738 [Cameroon]

Rejections:

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/559 of 9 March 2026 rejecting an application for protection of a designation of origin (SUBOTI■KO – HORGOŠKA PEŠ■ARA / ■■■■■■■■■ – ■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ (PDO)) [Serbia]

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1053 of 12 May 2026 rejecting an application for registration of a geographical indication (Geyve Ayvas■ (PDO)) [Türkiye]

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Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1062 of 18 May 2026 rejecting an application for protection of a geographical indication (Denizli Leblebisi (PGI)) [Türkiye]

Update

This is a summary of applications to the register of the European Union (EU) (eAmbrosia) submitted by AGRINFO partner countries in 2026 for Protected Designation of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indication (PGI), and Traditional Speciality Guaranteed (TSG).

It also includes geographical indications (GIs) proposed for EU recognition in the context of trade negotiations, as well as Appellations of Origin (AOs) and GIs granted by the Lisbon System of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and recognized by the EU.

The latest additions (July–September) are:

PDO (EU)

- “Gata■ki kajmak iz mješine, cow’s milk cream (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- “Kakao Berau”, cocoa powder (Indonesia)

PGI (EU) and AO/GI (WIPO)

- “Ceylon tea” (Sri Lanka)
- “Madd de Casamance” (Senegal)
- “Poivre de Penja” (Cameroon).

Applications that did not fulfil the requirements to be registered as GIs and therefore were rejected are also listed in this summary.

This overview complements the summary of PDO, PGI, and (international) AOs and GIs that have been successfully registered in 2026 (see Approved geographical indications for non-EU products in 2026).

Impacted products

Confectionery, honey, olives, rum, salt, sugar, yoghurt, spirits, quince, chickpeas, coffee beans, tea, cream, cocoa, madd (fruit), pepper

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What is changing?

In 2026, the following applications for registration as PDO, PGI, and TSG from non-EU countries have been received by the EU and are being assessed. (For those already approved, see Approved geographical indications for non-EU products in 2026).

Applications for registration as Protected Designation of Origin (PDO)

- "Milas Çeki■ke Zeytini", a plump table olive from olive trees of the Memecik variety, Milas region, Türkiye (C/2026/375)
- "Mu■la Çam Bal■", honey produced from pine cotton cochineal (Marchalina hellenica) by the basra beetle which feeds on red pine trees (Pinus brutia), Türkiye (C/2026/700)
- "Afyon Manda Yo■urdu / Afyonkarahisar Manda Yo■urdu", yoghurt made from milk leftovers from the production of Afyon clotted cream, produced from milk of Anatolian buffalo, Afyonkarahisar province, Türkiye (C/2026/1137)
- "Gata■ki kajmak iz mješine", a type of ripe kajmak cream made from cow's milk, particularly from Gata■ko cattle, Bosnia and Herzegovina (C/2026/4450)
- "Kakao Berau", a rich aromatic cocoa powder made from Berau cocoa beans grown in Berau Regency, Indonesia (C/2026/4451)

Applications for registration as Protected Geographical Indication (PGI)

- "Antep Muskas■ / Gaziantep Muskas■", a confectionery from ground pistachios, sugar, and starch wrapped in grape-based strips (from the "dökülgen" or "hönüsü" grape varieties) in triangular shape, Türkiye (C/2026/723)
- "Flores Bajawa", green coffee beans produced from Arabica coffee plants grown in the Ngada Regency, Indonesia (C/2026/3210)
- "Kopi Arabika Flores Manggarai", green coffee beans produced from Arabica coffee plants grown in the Manggarai highlands, Indonesia (C/2026/3212)
- "Café Antigua", coffee produced from Coffea arabica and Coffea canephora species grown in the region of the Sacatepéquez Department, Guatemala (C/2026/3343)
- "Ceylon tea", black, green, white, blended, or flavoured tea obtained from green fresh tea leaves grown all year in Sri Lanka (C/2026/4133)

Applications for registration as Traditional Speciality Guaranteed (TSG)

- "Fleur de sel / Flor de sal / Solvni cvet", fine and light salt that crystallises by natural evaporation of water and is harvested by hand in Guinea (C/2026/374).

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Appellations of Origin (AO) and Geographical Indications (GI)

In 2026, the following new AOs and GIs have been registered in the Lisbon System of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and notified for protection in the EU:

- "Madd de Casamance" for fresh madd (Saba senegalensis), madd juice, nectar, syrup, and preserves originating from Senegal (C/2026/4739)
- "Poivre de Penja" for fresh or packaged pepper produced at an altitude of 100–500 m in the South-West region of Cameroon (C/2026/4738).

GIs under trade negotiations

In the context of trade negotiations between the EU and non-EU countries, trading partners may ask for GI protection in the EU.

The following requests for GIs from AGRINFO partner countries have been published:

- Mauritius (C/2026/1379)
- Philippines (C/2026/1634)

The products under consideration are listed in Table 1.

Rejected applications

The following applications for registration from Serbia and Turkey have been rejected as the European Commission considers that they did not fulfil the requirements (listed in Regulation 2025/26):

- "SUBOTI■KO – HORGOŠKA PEŠ■ARA / ■■■■■■■■■ – ■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■" as a PDO (Decision 2026/559)
- "Geyve Ayvas■" as a PDO (Decision 2026/1053)
- "Denizli Leblebisi" as a PGI (Decision 2026/1062)

Why?

Applications for PDOs and PGIs are made public so that stakeholders whose economic interests may be adversely affected by the registration have the opportunity to present their statement of opposition and substantiated concerns to the European Commission (Regulation 2024/1143, Art. 17).

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Timeline

Opposition to registration of the following applications may be lodged with the European Commission within **3 calendar months** from the reference dates stated below.

PDO applications

- "Milas Çeki■ke Zeytini": from 19 January 2026
- "Mu■la Çam Bal■": from 29 January 2026
- "Afyon Manda Yo■urdu / Afyonkarahisar Manda Yo■urdu": 19 February 2026
- "Gata■ki kajmak iz mješine": 19 August 2026
- "Kakao Berau": 19 August 2026

PGI applications

- "Antep Muskas■ / Gaziantep Muskas■": from 30 January 2026
- "Flores Bajawa": from 12 June 2026
- "Kopi Arabika Flores Manggarai": from 16 June 2026
- "Café Antigua": from 22 June 2026
- "Ceylon tea": from 29 July 2026

TSG applications

- "Fleur de sel / Flor de sal / Solvni cvet": from 16 January 2026

Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (Lisbon System)

Opposition to AOs and GIs that are protected within the EU may be lodged with the European Commission within **4 calendar months** from the reference date.

- "Madd de Casamance": 7 September 2026
- "Poivre de Penja": 7 September 2026

Opposition to GIs proposed in the context of trade negotiations may be lodged with the European Commission within a specific period from the reference date:

- Mauritius: within 6 weeks from 4 March 2026
- Philippines: within 2 months from 12 March 2026.

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What are the major implications for exporting countries?

The potential benefits of geographical indications such as PGIs and PDOs are described in Geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs explained.

Recommended Actions

Stakeholders can object to a name being registered as a PDO, PGI, or TSG in the EU register within **3 calendar** months via eAmbrosia (see Timeline).

Stakeholders in the EU or other non-EU countries can oppose GIs proposed in the context of trade negotiations by emailing the relevant unit of the European Commission within a defined period:

- for GIs from Mauritius: within 6 weeks from 4 March 2026 via email to AGRI-G1@ec.europa.eu
- for GIs from the Philippines: within 2 months from 12 March 2026 via email to AGRI-G3@ec.europa.eu.

Background

Applications for registration of PDOs and PGIs received by the European Commission are published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

If no statement of opposition has been received by the European Commission within the permitted period, the GI is registered as a geographical indication in the EU register (eAmbrosia) and granted protection in the EU (Regulations 2024/1143 and 2025/26).

For further information on the EU's system for protecting GIs, see Geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs explained.

Resources

European Commission: Geographical indications and quality schemes explained

Regulation 2019/1753 on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications

Regulation 2024/1143 on geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products, as well as traditional specialities guaranteed and optional quality terms for agricultural products

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Regulation 2025/26 laying down rules for the application of Regulation 2024/1143 as regards registrations, amendments, cancellations, enforcement of the protection, labelling and communication in respect of geographical indications and traditional specialities guaranteed

Sources

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C/2026/723 (Antep Muskas■ / Gaziantep Muskas■ – Türkiye)

C/2026/1137 (Afyon Manda Yo■urdu / Afyonkarahisar Manda Yo■urdu – Türkiye)

C/2026/1379 (Mauritius rum / Rhum de Maurice; Mauritius unrefined sugar – Mauritius)

C/2026/1634 (Alburquerque Asin Tibuok – Philippines)

C/2026/3210 (Flores Bajawa – Indonesia)

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Table 1: Products considered for protection by GIs in the context of trade negotiations

Country	Protected name	Product category	Information notice	Date of publication
Mauritius	Mauritius rum/Rhum de Maurice	Spirits	C/2026/1379	4 Mar 2026
	Mauritius unrefined sugar	Sugar		
Philippines	Alburquerque Asin Tibuok	Salt	C/2026/1634	12 Mar 2026

Source: based on information notices C/2026/1379 and C/2026/1634

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