Register of PDOs and PGIs – updates November/December 2024

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Latest updates to the EU register of protected designations of origin (PDO) and protected geographical indications (PGI)

Publication of an application for registration of the name "**Ayd■n Memecik Zeytini**" pursuant to Article 50(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (C/2024/6963)

Publication of an application for registration of the name "**Gula Kelapa Kulonprogo Jogja**" pursuant to Article 50(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (C/2024/7046)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2932 of 14 November 2024 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 as regards the entering of a geographical indication in the Union register of geographical indications (**Livanjski sir** (PGI))

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2978 of 25 November 2024 on the registration of the geographical indication **Gaziantep Menengiç Kahvesi/ Gaziantep Melengiç Kahvesi** (PDO) in the Union register of geographical indications pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2024/1143

Update

Applications for PDO status have been received from Türkiye for table olive grown in Ayd■n province, and from Indonesia for granulated coconut sugar.

Additions to the geographical indications (GI) register of the European Union (eAmbrosia): a new PGI has been added for a hard full-fat cheese produced in Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Livanjski sir"), and a new PDO has been added for a coffee substitute produced from roasted and ground seeds of terebinth or turpentine trees from Türkiye ("Gaziantep Menengiç Kahvesi / Gaziantep Melengiç Kahvesi").

Impacted products

Olives, coconut sugar, cheese, coffee substitute

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What is changing?

The following applications for registration as PDOs in the EU have been received and published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*:

- "Ayd■n Memecik Zeytini", a table olive from the Memecik variety of olive trees (Olea europaea) grown in Ayd■n province in Türkiye (C/2024/6963)
- "Gula Kelapa Kulonprogo Jogja", granulated coconut sugar made from coconut sap derived from coconut plants grown in the Kulonprogo Regency in Indonesia (C/2024/7046)

The following product names have been added to the EU GI register (eAmbrosia):

- "Livanjski sir" as a PGI for a hard full-fat cheese made from pasteurised, thermalised, or raw cow's milk, sheep's milk, or their mixtures, which is produced in the traditional area that includes the municipalities of Livno, Tomislavgrad, Kupres, Glamo■, Grahovo, and Drvar in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- "Gaziantep Menengiç Kahvesi / Gaziantep Melengiç Kahvesi" as a PDO for a coffee substitute produced from roasted and ground seeds of terebinth or turpentine trees from Türkiye.

Why?

No reasoned statement of opposition has been received within the relevant time period against the registration of "Livanjski sir" as a PGI and "Gaziantep Menengiç Kahvesi / Gaziantep Melengiç Kahvesi" as a PDO in eAmbrosia.

Timeline

Opposition against registration as a PDO:

- "Ayd■n Memecik Zeytini" for a table olive grown in Ayd■n province in Türkiye – opposition may be lodged with the European Commission until 14 February 2025
- "Gula Kelapa Kulonprogo Jogja" for granulated coconut sugar made from coconut plants grown in the Kulonprogo Regency in Indonesia – opposition may be lodged with the Commission until 20 February 2025.

Date of effect:

- "Livanjski sir" registered as a PGI: 4 December 2024

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- "Gaziantep Menengiç Kahvesi / Gaziantep Melengiç Kahvesi" registered as a PDO: 15 December 2024.

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Benefits of GIs such as PGIs and PDOs are presented in Geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs explained. This explainer offers a summary of EU quality schemes providing legal protection for the use of GIs and application procedures.

Recommended Actions

Objections against a name to be registered as a GI in the EU register (eAmbrosia) can be communicated to the European Commission within 3 months from the date of publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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 3 months, the PDO/PGI is registered as a GI in the EU register (eAmbrosia) and granted protection in the EU (Regulations 2024/1143 and 2025/26).

Resources

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Publication of an application for registration of a name pursuant to Article 50(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (C/2024/4535), (C/2024/4505)

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

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

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specialities guaranteed, and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/34 as regards geographical indications in the wine sector, and repealing Implementing Regulations (EU) No 668/2014 and (EU) 2021/1236

Sources

Publication of an application for registration of a name pursuant to Article 50(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (C/2024/6963), (C/2024/7046)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2932 as regards the entering of a geographical indication in the Union register of geographical indications (Livanjski sir (PGI))

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2978 on the registration of the geographical indication Gaziantep Menengiç Kahvesi / Gaziantep Melengiç Kahvesi (PDO) in the Union register of geographical indications

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