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Subject: Wine PDO ‘Dealu Mare’ (PDO-RO-A1079)

Dear Ms [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 January 2025 (our ref. Ares(2025)385432), by which you are asking clarification on whether the protection of the name ‘Dealu Mare’, registered in the EU as a protected designation of origin (PDO), also extends to the names Boldești, Valea Călugărească, Urlați, Ceptura, Tohani, Breaza, Merei and Zorești. These names designate geographical units within the demarcated area of the PDO ‘Dealu Mare’.

Section 6 (Demarcated geographical area) of the Single Document and Chapter III (Territorial delimitation) of the Product Specification of the PDO ‘Dealu Mare’ present the above-mentioned denominations as localities (communes, villages) included in the delimited area for the production of wines with the PDO ‘Dealu Mare’. The presentation of the delimited area of the PDO ‘Dealu Mare’ is “grouped by sub-denominations of origin” listed as: ‘Dealu Mare – Boldești’, ‘Dealu Mare – Valea Călugărească’, ‘Dealu Mare – Urlați’, ‘Dealu Mare – Ceptura’, ‘Dealu Mare – Tohani’, ‘Dealu Mare – Breaza’, ‘Dealu Mare – Merei’ and ‘Dealu Mare – Zorești’. Under each of these groups of geographical units, the Single Document and the Product Specification list all the component localities forming the delimited area of the PDO ‘Dealu Mare’ and specify which vineyard designations may be added to [the labelling of] each “sub-designation” (e.g. to ‘Dealu Mare – Boldești’, etc.).

While the use of the term “sub-designation of origin” used in the Single Document and the Product Specification of the PDO ‘Dealu Mare’ might create some confusion, we confirm that the only name that is entered in the Union register of geographical indications (eAmbrosia) under registration reference PDO-RO-A1079, as last amended by the Union amendment PDO-RO-A1079-AM02, is ‘Dealu Mare’.

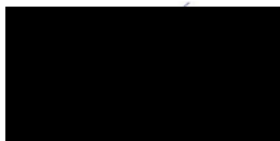
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As such, the name ‘Dealu Mare’ benefits of the protection conferred to geographical indications under Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 and the use of this name on the market is subject to the rules laid down in this regulation and in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 regarding the labelling and presentation in the wine sector. In particular, according to Article 119(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, the use of the term “protected designation of origin” and of the name of the protected designation of origin (‘Dealu Mare’) are compulsory particulars, while according to Article 120(1)(g) of the same regulation the name of another geographical unit that is smaller or larger than the area underlying the designation of origin is an optional particular for the labelling of wines bearing a protected designation of origin.

In conclusion, we confirm that the protection as a PDO is only granted to the name ‘Dealu Mare’, while the names designating geographical units within the demarcated area of the PDO ‘Dealu Mare’ are optional particulars which may be added to the labelling and presentation of the PDO ‘Dealu Mare’, but individually do not benefit of protection as geographical indications.

The above information is based solely on the facts set out in your e-mail of 17 January 2025, 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 sincerely,

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