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Brüssel  
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**Subject:** *Übergangsweiser nationaler Schutz – Unionsänderung*

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email message of 5 February 2025 (our ref.: *Ares (2025)888270*) concerning transitional national protection for Union amendments.

Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 applies to new GI registrations, granting transitional national protection to the GI names while the EU registration process is ongoing.

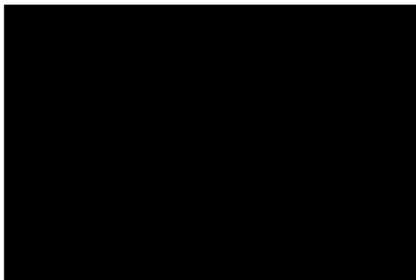
This Article does not apply to Union amendments and thus should not be seen as a tool to grant transitional authorisation to apply changes before they are approved.

Union amendments are applicable when they are approved by the Commission, i.e. when the implementing Regulation approving the Union amendment(s) enters into force. Allowing application of the changes considered as Union amendments, which are not yet approved, would create confusion and lead to unequal standards within the single market. It would also create uncertainty as to which requirements should be taken into account when official controls are carried out.

In this regard, it should be emphasised that, since Article 11 does not apply to Union amendments, it is not possible to grant transitional national protection to the new name(s), which are changed under Union amendment procedure.

The present opinion is provided based on the facts as set out in your email message of 5 February 2025 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 sincerely,



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