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**Asunto: Consulta COM sobre operadores que forman universo de control para informe de resultados**

Muy señora mía:

Thank you for your email of 28 April 2025 enquiring about the operators to be covered when conducting the verification of compliance with the product specification.

According to Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, “operator” means a natural or legal person who performs activities subject to one or more obligations provided for in the product specification.

All food products are covered by Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products (OCR), including the verification of compliance with the rules in the area of use and labelling of GIs/TSGs (Article 1(2)(j) of OCR).

Regulation 2024/1143 indicates in Articles 39(2) and 72(6) that prior to placing on the market a product designated by a geographical indication or traditional specialty guaranteed and originating in the Union, verification of compliance with the product specification, shall be carried out by competent authorities or delegated bodies within the meaning of OCR.

When the protected GI/TSG name is used on the product, then all steps of the production chain need to be covered under a specific control plan established for the given GI/TSG based on the product specification, including suppliers where relevant.

In case there are specific requirements for raw materials for the production of a GI/TSG, the suppliers of a given GI/TSG product would need to be also controlled and verified that they fulfil the requirements set by the product specification (e.g. requirements of the raw material; the raw material is separated from others not suitable for the production of a GI/TSG).

Therefore, for the upcoming 2026-2030 National Plan for Official Control of the Food Chain (PNCOCA), the whole chain of food production operators with obligations established by a product specification for a GI/TSG (including the suppliers of raw materials) are to be considered as subject to control activities based on previously defined specific control plan for the given PDO/PGI/TSG and along the general rules on official controls set by the OCR.

The present opinion is provided based on the information included in your email 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.

Atentamente,



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