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AGRI.F.3 [REDACTED]

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Tárgy: Indication of the name of the GI producer group as the producer in accordance with Article 37(5) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143
Iktatószám: BEAM/132/2025

Tisztelt [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter sent on 25 September 2025 requesting an interpretation of Article 37(5) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 ⁽¹⁾. Your letter makes also a reference to an earlier reply on a similar issue (Ref: Ares(2024)7290699).

We understand that your inquiry concerns whether the name of the GI producer group can appear on the label of a GI product pursuant to Article 37(5) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143. We also understand from your letter that this question is related to the packaging activity of a GI producer group which is in fact a cooperative of tomato producers.

Article 37(5) indicates that for agricultural products designated by a geographical indication, an indication of the name of the producer or operator shall appear in the labelling, in the same field of vision as the geographical indication. What the provision requires is that the direct producer of the product is indicated, not the food business operator or other retailers. The co-legislators included that provision with the explicit purpose to increase the visibility of the effective producer of the product. The name of the

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 (hereinafter ‘the Regulation’) of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 11 April 2024, on geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products, as well as traditional specialities guaranteed and optional quality terms for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2019/787 and (EU) 2019/1753 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012

operator shall be understood as the name of the operator responsible for the production stage at which the product to be covered by the geographical indication is obtained, or responsible for carrying out substantial processing of that product.

The case you have described is not similar to the case of the packaging of grated 'Parmigiano Reggiano'. In that case the 'operator' carries out a substantial processing of the product (cheese grating). In the case of a GI producer group packaging tomatoes, we understand that there is no substantial processing of the product and, therefore, the GI producer group may not be considered as an operator in the meaning of Article 37(5) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143.

However, as you indicate, if the GI producer group itself may be considered as the direct producer of the product, the indication of its name on the label would satisfy the obligation set out in that Article. This could be the case, if the GI producer group is a cooperative, through which all members act collectively as one single producer.

The present opinion is provided based on the facts as set out in your email of 25 September 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

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