



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Directorate F – Outreach, Research & Geographical Indications

Brussels,

Dear 

Thank you for your email dated 17 September 2025 in which you inquire about the relationship between Article 4, paragraph b, and Article 24, paragraph 1, of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 on geographical indications.

You have described a case of a producer, who is the only producer of “Westlandse druif” (PGI) remaining in the geographical area and who refuses to amend the product specification to extend the geographical area and include other producers in neighbouring areas.

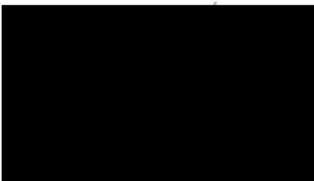
Please note that in accordance with Article 24, paragraph 1 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 only a producer group of a product the name of which is a registered geographical indication may apply for the approval of an amendment to the product specification.

Therefore, the producers located outside the PGI geographical area are not allowed to apply for an amendment of the product specification. This rule was set out to strengthen the GI producer groups’ rights, which is one of the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 (see Article 4: ‘contributing to fair competition’). In line with that objective, the regulatory scheme is specifically designed to guarantee fair return to producers that generate added value for products.

The objectives of a Regulation are to be appreciated globally, in relation to the other objectives and to the full set of the adopted rules.

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Yours faithfully,



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