



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

Brussels  
AGRI.F.3/

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your email of 1st May 2024 (our ref. Ares (2024)3978066), in which you enquire about the possibility to change the applicant group after a request for publication of a traditional specialty guaranteed (TSG) has been published for opposition.

During the publication period and until the registration of a TSG, it is not possible to change the applicant group. A change of the applicant group at this stage would be considered as a modification of the application. As a consequence, the publication would have to be cancelled and the whole procedure would have to be relaunched (including scrutiny).

Having said this, once a TSG is registered, it is possible to change the applicant group. The Commission should be informed promptly and, if the name of the applicant is part of the specification, you must introduce a request for modification with the Commission.

The above information is based solely on the facts set out in your email of 1st May 2024, 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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