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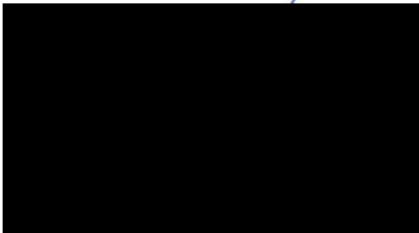
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your inquiry of 20/08/2024 (our ref. number: Ares (2024)5930308) regarding GI applications from outside the Union.

When a party from outside the Union applies for the registration of a geographical indication (GI), it must provide "legal proof of protection of the geographical indication in its country of origin" (Article 13(2)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143). This means that the applicant must demonstrate that the name is protected in its home country prior to being considered for registration at the Union stage. It is to note that this requirement stands regardless of whether the GI protection system exists in the applicant's country or not.

The above information is based solely on the facts set out in your email of 20/08/2024, 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 faithfully,



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