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**Subject: Question about the producer group issue**

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your mail of 9 January 2026 requesting a clarification on the definition of applicant producer group in the Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 <sup>(1)</sup> on geographical indications where the application for registration relates to a geographical area outside the Union.

In accordance with Article 14(2), second subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, an applicant producer group in a non-EU country shall be a producer group which works with a product, the name of which is proposed for registration. No specific legal form is required, however this should be a real group. The demonstration of the existence of the group may be requested.

In the light of the above, in principle, the applicant producer group should be composed of producers of the same product the name of which is proposed for registration. However, Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 does not require a producer group to be 'exclusively' dedicated to a single product. What matters is that, for the purpose of the application, the group mainly brings together producers who are directly involved in the production of the product the name of which is proposed for registration.

Therefore, it can be concluded that an applicant producer group is an association, irrespective of its legal form, mainly composed of producers of the same product the name of which is proposed for registration.

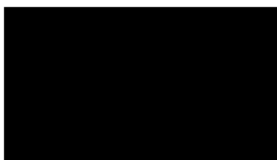
The above information is based solely on the facts set out in your e-mail of 9 January 2026, expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European

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<sup>(1)</sup> ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1143/oj>

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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