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Subject: Request for Clarification on the Definition of “Applicant Producer Group” under Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your mail of 16 December 2025 requesting a clarification on the definition of applicant producer group in the Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 ⁽¹⁾ on geographical indications.

In accordance with Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, an applicant producer group shall be *an association, irrespective of its legal form, composed of producers of the same product the name of which is proposed for registration.*

The applicant group should, therefore, be made up of producers of the same product the name of which is proposed for registration and no legal form is prescribed for this group. 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. The group may therefore include producers engaged in other agricultural activities, provided that the main activity remains the production of the product designated by the geographical indication.

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

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 16 December 2025, 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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