



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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Directorate F – Outreach, Research & Geographical Indications
The Director

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Subject: Questions on the labelling of Café de Colombia PGI

Dear ,

Thank you for your question on the labelling of Café de Colombia PGI.

Café de Colombia is a Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) registered in the Register of geographical indications of the European Union. Since it designates a product originating in a non-EU country the labelling rules applying to this PGI are in Article 37(10) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, as regards the (optional) use of the EU symbol and in Article 37(6) of that same Regulation, as regards the use of the indication (Protected Geographical Indication) and of the abbreviation (PGI).

Therefore, in the cases 1 and 3 submitted in your letter, the simple use of the Geographical Indication ‘Café de Colombia’ does not entail any obligation to use the indication nor the abbreviation nor the logo.

However, in accordance with Article 37(5) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, for any product which is labelled using the name protected as PGI (in this case ‘Café de Colombia’), and which is marketed in the European Union, it is mandatory to add the name of the producer. So, in the three cases you refer to, this name is mandatory.

We remind you that the protected name must be correctly used. The protected name is ‘Café de Colombia’ and not ‘Colombia’ or ‘Café Columbia’.

This opinion is provided on the basis of the facts set out in your mail of 3 March 2026 and expresses the opinion of the Commission services and is not binding on the European Commission. Should any dispute concerning EU law arise, it is ultimately the responsibility of the Court of Justice of the European Union to give a definitive interpretation of the applicable EU law, as laid down in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Yours sincerely,



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