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Subject: Compositional criteria set for geographical indications (GIs)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email addressed to Europe Direct Contact Centre regarding the correlation between the FIC Regulation and the compositional criteria set for geographical indications (GIs) in their product specification, in particular for “Σταφίδα Σουλτανίνα Κρήτης / Stafida Soultanina Kritis” PGI.

Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers (FIC Regulation) applies to all foods, including the ones with registered GI names.

Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 applies to products designated as GI. It is a set of rules which are specific for those products.

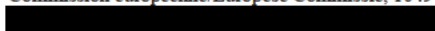
Therefore, products designated by a GI must respect the provisions of both Regulations (EU) No 1169/2011 and (EU) 2024/1143.

In addition, they must comply with the relevant product specification.

A GI product specification may include rules that are stricter than those provided in the FIC Regulation, but may not include rules that are in contrast with its provisions.

To conclude, a product bearing a registered GI name shall in any case respect the specific provisions regulated in the product specification in force defining the production rules for that GI including the analytical parameters for that specific product. For example, for the ‘Stafida Soultanina Kritis’ PGI, the sugar content shall be minimum 75 % per 100 grammes according to the product specification. Unless a threshold of tolerance is expressly included in the product specification of a GI no such tolerance may apply to the parameters defined in the product specification.

The present opinion is provided based on the information included in your email and expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission. In the event of a dispute involving European Union law, it is for the Court of



Justice of the European Union to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable European Union law.

Yours sincerely,

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