

EU-CARIFORUM cooperation on and bilateral protection of geographical indications

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What is a geographical indication (GI)?

A **name** (not a product) that identifies a product having **specific characteristics** which are **linked** to a geographical area.



Paprika Žitava



Idiazabal



Pâté gaumais

➤ Defined in the WTO agreement (TRIPS Article 22)

Economic value of geographical indications

- **€ 75 billion turnover**
(7% of the EU agro-food industry)
- **22% exports**
- **Price x 2,07** (value premium rate, compared to similar conventional products)

2017 data.

Geographical indications from the EU.



Legal basis for protection in the EU



‘Direct registration’, under either:

- Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 – **agricultural products, food, wine and spirits**
- Regulation (EU) 2023/2411 – **craft and industrial goods**



International registration under **multilateral agreement**

- Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications



Bilateral / regional agreement


- In line with the WTO agreement on trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights (TRIPS)

Databases

eAmbrosia: legal register for agriculture GIs

ec.europa.eu/agriculture/eambrosia/geographical-indications-register

eAmbrosia
the EU geographical indications register



eAmbrosia is a legal register of the names of agricultural products and foodstuffs, wine, and spirit drinks that are registered and protected across the EU. It provides a direct access to information on all registered geographical indications, including the legal instruments of protection and product specifications. It also displays key dates and links for applications and publications before the geographical indications are registered.

You can also find information about the traditional terms for wine and the traditional specialities guaranteed in the section [Related links](#) below.


Wine register Agricultural products and foodstuffs register Spirit drinks register

Geographical Indications - Search

Product type Product category Name

Application type Country zone Country

Type Status File number

3840 Records Product type, Country, File number, Na... 

Giview: database of all GIs protected in the EU

www.tmdn.org/giview

Search for Geographical Indications across the European Union and beyond



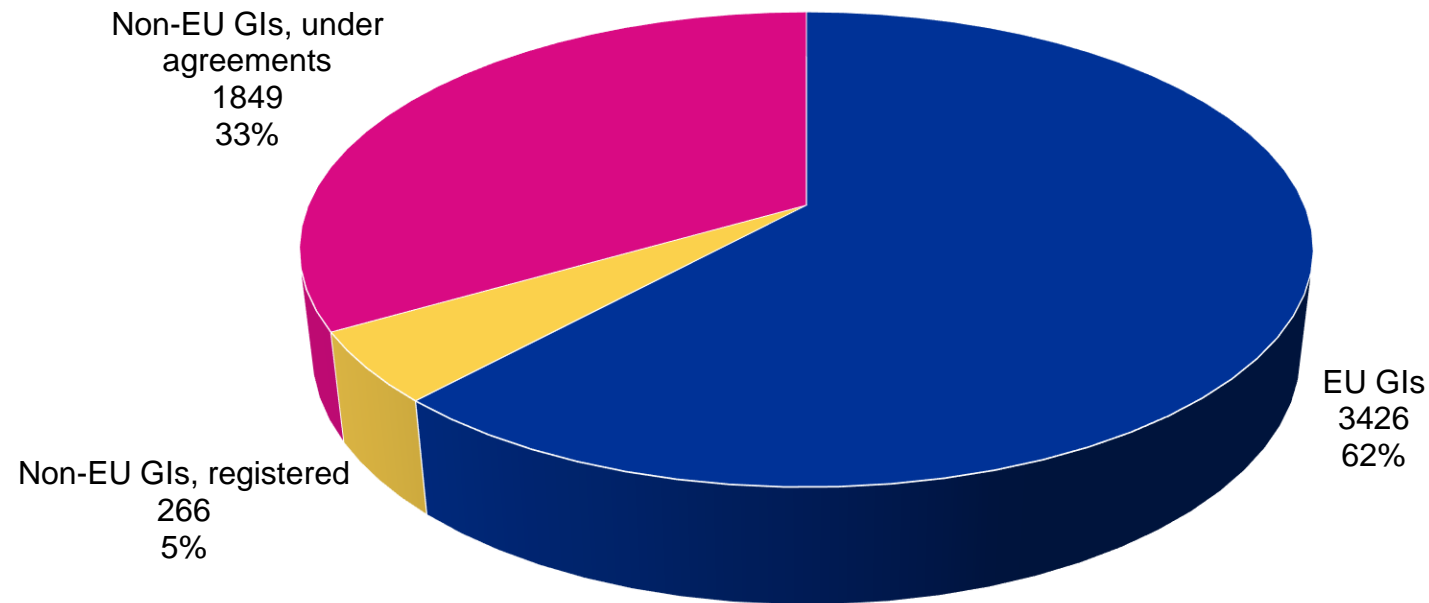
Geographical Indication / File number

Database for GIs for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products Union register of GIs for craft and industrial products

International agreements WIPO/Geneva Act Search all



Geographical indications protected in the EU



Source: GI View, 8 January 2026. Whole-of-Ireland GIs are only counted as EU GIs. The China GIs protected under the bilateral GI agreement are counted as « registered ».



EU-CARIFORUM commitments on geographical indications

- EU-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement:

Article 145

Geographical indications

E. *Future protection agreement*

The EC Party and the Signatory CARIFORUM States shall no later than 1 January 2014 commence negotiations aimed at an agreement on the protection of geographical indications in their respective territories, without prejudice to any individual requests for protection that may have been filed directly.

Article 164

Cooperation


(...) the Parties agree to cooperate, including by facilitating support, in the following areas:

- a. (...)
- b. Support in the preparation of national laws and regulations for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights (...)
- c. Identification of products that could benefit from protection as geographical indication (...)
- d. (...)



Toward an EU-CARIFORUM agreement on geographical indications

- 13 CARIFORUM GIs considered for protection under the future agreement



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Geographical indications from CARIFORUM States
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Pursuant to Article 145.E of the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement ⁽¹⁾, the European Union and the CARIFORUM States are negotiating an agreement on the protection of geographical indications. In that context, the CARIFORUM Directorate has submitted a list of geographical indications from CARIFORUM States for protection under the future agreement. **The European Commission is currently considering whether those geographical indications should be protected in the European Union.**

The Commission invites any Member State or third country or any natural or legal persons having a legitimate interest, resident or established in a Member State or in a third country, to submit oppositions to such protection by lodging a duly substantiated statement.

- Possibility to add more geographical indications to the agreement after its entry into force.
- Extended cooperation areas.



Thank you



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