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Delegations will find attached the comments from the Slovenian delegation.



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**COMMENTS FROM SLOVENIAN DELEGATION
ON DOCUMENT ST 9556/18 REV 1 COR 1**

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Slovenia is sending comments after the Working Party on Agricultural Products held at the Council of Europe (12 December 2018) regarding the document doc. ST 9556/1/18 REV 1 COR 1 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands).

Rejection of applications in the application and registration process for designation of origin, geographical indications, and traditional specialities guaranteed

Article 2 / Amendments to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012

Page 46 (13) – amendment of article 52

The substitution of paragraphs 1 and 2 is proposed by the following text: **...Where, on the basis of the information available to the Commission from the scrutiny carried out pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 50(1), the Commission considers that the conditions laid down in Articles 5 and 6 are not fulfilled, it shall adopt implementing acts rejecting the application...**

In the current Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 the article 52 states...**if...the Commission considers that the conditions for registration are not fulfilled, it shall adopt implementing acts rejecting the application.**

Articles 5 and 6 are about the designations of origins, about geographical indications (and trade marks). But nothing in Articles 5 and 6 is written about traditional specialities guaranteed (TSG). So, if the amended version would be accepted, there would be an information missing regarding the rejection of applications for the approval of traditional specialities guaranteed (TSG) in case when those applications would have to be rejected because they would not fulfil the required conditions.

Taking together, there is nothing about TSG in Articles 5 and 6 that could be used as a reference for the new amended text in article 52.

We believe that the text should be shaped more precisely (if paragraphs 1 and 2 are to be amended as proposed) so that PDO, PGI and TSG would be properly addressed. We think that just by referring to the Articles 5 and 6 this is not the case.

Article 1 / Amendments to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013

Page 37 (32f) – replacement in Annex VIII, Section C of Part I

Regarding the allowed acidification of the products; Slovenia supports the proposed higher limit of 4 g/l expressed as tartaric acid.

Preamble and elsewhere in the text

Constant usage of term *Vitis Labrusca* (e.g. in page 7).

We believe that the correct typing would be: *Vitis labrusca*.

Vitis – italic and uppercase letter **V** because *Vitis* is a genus.

labrusca – italic and lowercase letter **l**, because *labrusca* is a species.