

## **Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration**

### **Amendments to the Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement**

1. At its twenty-seventh (19<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session, which took place in Geneva, from September 26 to October 5, 2011, the Assembly of the Lisbon Union adopted amendments to Rule 5(3) on *Optional Contents of the International Application*, and Rule 16(1) on *Notifications of Invalidation*.
2. Rule 5(3) was amended so as to allow the country of origin the option to indicate in the international application factual information that had permitted the grant of protection in respect of the appellation of origin for which international protection is sought, notably particulars that had helped in ascertaining that definition requirements were met and that the link between the product in question and a precise geographical area had been established. The amended provision is reproduced on pages 2 and 3 of the present Information Notice.
3. Rule 16(1) was amended so as to require that the grounds on the basis of which the invalidation was pronounced be also indicated in the notification of invalidation to the International Bureau, so that the grounds would not only be recorded in the International Register in the language of the notifying member State, but also in the three working languages of the Lisbon system. The amended provision is equally reproduced on pages 2 and 3 of the present Information Notice.
4. These amendments to the Lisbon Regulations, as adopted by the Assembly, will become effective as from January 1, 2012.
5. For those who seek more detailed background information concerning the amendments referred to above, reference is made to document LI/A/27/1, which is available at the following address: [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=23128](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=23128).

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for the Protection of appellations of Origin  
and their International Protection**

(as in force on January 1, 2012)

LIST OF RULES

[...]

**Chapter 2  
International Applications**

*Rule 5*

*Requirements Concerning the International Application*

[...]

(3) [*Optional Contents of the International Application*] The international application may indicate or contain:

- (i) the addresses of the holders of the right to use the appellation of origin;
- (ii) one or more translations of the appellation of origin, in as many languages as the competent authority of the country of origin wishes;
- (iii) a statement to the effect that protection is not claimed for certain elements of the appellation of origin;
- (iv) a declaration that protection is renounced in one or more contracting countries, designated by name;
- (v) a copy in the original language of the provisions, decisions or registration referred to in paragraph (2)(a)(vi);
- (vi) any further information the competent authority of the country of origin wishes to provide concerning the protection granted to the appellation of origin in that country, such as additional particulars of the area of production of the product and a description of the connection between the quality or characteristics of the product and its geographical environment.**

[...]

**Chapter 5  
Other Entries Concerning an International Registration**

[...]

*Rule 16*

*Invalidation*

(1) [*Notification of Invalidation to the International Bureau*] Where the effects of an international registration are invalidated in a contracting country and the invalidation is no longer subject to appeal, the invalidation shall be notified to the International Bureau by the competent authority of that contracting country. The notification shall indicate or contain:

- (i) the number of the international registration concerned, preferably accompanied by other information enabling the identity of the international registration to be confirmed, such as the name of the appellation of origin;
- (ii) the authority that pronounced the invalidation;
- (iii) the date on which the invalidation was pronounced;
- (iv) where the invalidation concerns certain elements only of the appellation of origin, the elements concerned;
- (v) the grounds on the basis of which the invalidation was pronounced;**
- (vi) a copy of the decision that invalidated the effects of the international registration.**