

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

ACCESSION BY THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA

1. On October 2, 2019, the Government of the Independent State of Samoa deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (the “Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement”), adopted at Geneva on May 20, 2015.
2. The instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations:
 - the declaration referred to in Article 7(4)(a) of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement, whereby the Independent State of Samoa wants to receive an individual fee to cover its cost of substantive examination of each international registration; and
 - the declaration referred to in Article 7(4)(a) of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement, whereby the Independent State of Samoa requires an administrative fee relating to the use by the beneficiaries of the appellation of origin or the geographical indication in the Independent State of Samoa.
3. The amount of both the individual fee and the administrative fee indicated by the Independent State of Samoa under Article 7(4)(a) of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement will be the subject of a separate information notice.
4. Pursuant to Rule 4(1) of the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (the ‘Common Regulations’), the Government of the Independent State of Samoa has notified the following name and address of its Competent Authority for the purposes of the procedures under the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement:

Registries of Companies and Intellectual Property Division (RCIP)
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL)
Levels 3 and 4, ACC House
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Apia, Samoa

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5. Pursuant to Rule 4(3) of the Common Regulations, the Competent Authority referred to in paragraph 4 above will make available information on the applicable procedures in its territory to challenge and enforce rights in appellations of origin and geographical indications. This information will be published at <https://www.wipo.int/lisbon/en/>.
6. It is recalled that instruments of ratification or accession of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement were deposited:
 - on March 9, 2018, by the Kingdom of Cambodia
 - on June 26, 2019, by the Republic of Albania
 - on October 2, 2019, by the Independent State of Samoa
 - on October 8, 2019, by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 - on November 26, 2019, by the European Union.

Consequently, in accordance with the provision of Article 29(2), the said Act will enter into force on February 26, 2020, with respect to the five States and Intergovernmental Organization referred to above.

February 25, 2020