
International Appellations of Origin Registry
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Re: Survey on the Lisbon System

Question 1: The Israeli law (Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications Law, 1965) enables the registration of Israeli appellations of origin at the International Registry only if those appellations are already registered in Israel. However, in order to register a foreign appellation in Israel, the commissioner does not check the registration in the country of origin – only the International Registration.

Question 2: The Israeli law defines both appellations of origin and geographical indications. Appellations of origin are defined according to the Lisbon agreement. GIs are defined according to the TRIPS agreement. Therefore we do not feel there is a need to amend Art. 2.

Question 3 and 4: The Israeli law does not specify what constitutes misuse of AO, but it is less likely that misuse should occur on products which are not of the same kind. The Israeli Law prohibits the misuse of AO even if the real origin of the product is specified or the label says "of that kind".

Question 5: The Israeli law requires examination of international applications identical to the examination of Israeli applications. We think it is important that the registering country treats all applications without discrimination.

Question 6: As there are countries the applicant is unable to protect his AO against the refusal of registration because of political issues, we think the International Bureau should offer assistance in those cases.

Question 7: Article 6 should not be amended as the meaning of the registration is that the AO is not generic. The Israeli Law enables any person to file a motion for the registration to be invalidated if the AO has become generic.

Question 8: Because of political issues between the countries it is advised that the International Bureau is notified about the proceedings of invalidation in the contracting country and the reasons for those proceedings.

Question 9: No amendment is needed.

Question 10: No further amendments are needed.

Sincerely Yours,

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