

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

Accession by the Slovak Republic

1. On July 9, 2024, the Government of the Slovak Republic deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (“Geneva Act”), which was adopted in Geneva on May 20, 2015.

2. 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 (“Common Regulations”), the Government of the Slovak Republic has notified the following name and contact details of its Competent Authority for the purposes of the procedures provided for by the Geneva Act:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development
Unit F3 – Geographical Indications
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 130
1040 Brussels
Belgium
Tel: (+32 2) 299 11 11
E-mail: Agri-b3@ec.europa.eu
Website: www.ec.europa.eu/agriculture/

3. Furthermore, the name and contact details of the Competent Authority designated by the Government of the Slovak Republic for the purposes of the procedures under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration of October 31, 1958, remain unchanged, namely:

Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic
ul. Švermova 43
974 04 Banská Bystrica 4
Slovak Republic
Tel: (+421) 48 4300 131; (+421) 48 4300 111
E-mail: infocentrum@indprop.gov.sk
Website: <https://www.indprop.gov.sk>

4. Pursuant to Rule 4(3) of the Common Regulations, the Competent Authority referred to in paragraph 2 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/applicable_procedures.html.

5. The Geneva Act will enter into force, with respect to the Slovak Republic, on October 9, 2024.

August 29, 2024