

**INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 5/2024** 

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

## **Accession by Montenegro**

- 1. On July 10, 2024, the Government of Montenegro 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 ("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 Montenegro has notified the following name and contact details of its Competent Authority for the purposes of the procedures provided for by the Geneva Act:

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- 3. Pursuant to Rule 4(3) of the Common Regulations, the Competent Authority referred to in paragraph 2 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: <a href="https://www.wipo.int/lisbon/en/applicable\_procedures.html">https://www.wipo.int/lisbon/en/applicable\_procedures.html</a>.
- 4. The Geneva Act will enter into force with respect to Montenegro on October 10, 2024.

September 27, 2024