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The applicant group shall submit the registration application to the Directorate of Organic Agriculture of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food (Section PDO-PGI-TSG) Acharnon 29, Athens P.C 104 39.

The folder shall include:

- a) the registration application according to the model of the Annex I of the C.M.D 261611/2007 as amended by the C.M.D 290398/2008.
- b) the single document according to the model of the Annex I of the Reg. (EC) 1898/2006
- c) the product's specifications
- d) a statement that the conditions of article 2 of the Regulation 1898/2007 are met in the case where the interested party is a natural or legal person.

The folder is assessed in the first stage, for the completeness and quality of the submitted data by the Section of PDO-PGI-TSG of the Directorate of Organic Farming of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food. In case the application is justified and complies by the regulations, then the relevant request is widely publicized at national level and national objection procedure is initialized. Any natural or legal person having a legitimate interest and established or resident in Greece may lodge an objection to the application. After the examination of the objections, if any, the application is either accepted at national level or rejected. In any case, a relevant decision of the Minister of the Rural Development and Food is issued.

Then, the folder is communicated to the European Commission to be scrutinized at second stage. Where the Commission considers that the conditions are met, the single document is published in the Official Journal of the European Union. Any legal or natural person having legitimate interest at international level, may object to the proposed registration. Following the objections' examination, the designation is registered to the Community Register for the Protected Designations of Origin and the Protected Geographical Indications. In case the application is finally rejected by the Commission, the relevant Ministerial decision is recalled.

The use of the indications POD PGI may start from the date of issue of the EU registration regulation.

# Procedure for registration of a name in the Community Register PDO-PGI

## 1st stage

Submission of application and accompanying folder to the Ministry of Rural Development and Food, Directorate of Organic Farming, section PDO-PGI-TSG

Initial examination of the file concerning the request

The request meets the conditions laid down by the European Regulations and its assessment is continued.

The request does not meet the conditions laid down by the European Regulations so it is rejected.

The application is scrutinised by the section PDO-PGI-TSG and, if necessary, comments are communicated to the applicant group in order to make the necessary changes

The registration request is publicized and objections may be submitted at national level, within 2 months.

In absence of objections, the request is forwarded to the European Commission (EC).

Objections are examined by the competent committee. The applications for which objections are rejected are forwarded to the E.U

## 2nd stage

EU Commission scrutinizes the application received, within a 6 month period and asks the Member State for clarifications, if needed.

In case EU Commission considers that the final content of the file meets the conditions of the regulation (EU) 1151/2012, then the single document is published in the Official Journal of the European Union, so that any interested parties outside Greece may object within 3 months from the date of publication

In the case of no objections the E.U registers the designation into the Community PDO-PGI register.

If admissible objections are submitted, E.U Commission invites the interested parties to engage in appropriate consultations within 3 months.

In case an agreement is reached, a new Commission scrutiny may follow and the designation is registered in the Community Register PDO-PGI.

If no agreement is reached, then the final decision about the registration is taken by the Commission, with the assistance of the standing committee of quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs.

The protection of the designation referred to article 13 of the Reg. (EU) 1151/2012 shall entry into force from the date of the registration's publication into the Official Journal of the European Union