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On Thursday, 27 December 2012, the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova ratified the Moldova-EU Agreement on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs, signed in Brussels on 26 June 2012, under which the parties undertake to ensure a high level of protection of geographical indications for foodstuffs, wines and spirits.

The provisions of the Agreement fall into the dispositions of the future Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Zone (DCFTA) and will contribute to building a strong partnership aimed at promoting and protecting quality products for the benefit of agriculture and industry both in the EU and the Republic of Moldova.

According to Agreement's provisions, Moldova benefits from a five-year transition period from its effective date, for taking complementary measures to stop the illegal use of geographical indications, especially measures applicable at the border.

The Agreement will enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other in writing of the completion of its internal procedures for ratification.

Therefore, in the next period, AGEPI jointly with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry and the Customs Service will prepare an action plan on the implementation of the Agreement's provisions.

The full text of the Agreement and lists of geographical indications which are to be provided protection can be found at: http://particip.gov.md/public/documente/130/ro_419_Acord-privind-indicatiile-geografice.pdf [1]

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