

# Implementation of protected designations (PDO, PGI and TSG) for agricultural products and foodstuffs in Bulgaria

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# EU quality policy:

- **highlights the qualities and tradition** of EU products
- **assures consumers** that these are the genuine, with good name and reputation of the original
- **helps producers** market their products better, while providing them legal protection from misuse or falsification of a product name

## EU product quality schemes relate to:

- ✓ agricultural products and foodstuffs
- ✓ wines, spirits and aromatised wines



# Protected designations for agricultural products and foodstuffs



- originating in a specific place, region
- whose quality or characteristics are essentially or exclusively due to a particular geographical environment
- all production steps take place in the region



- originating in a specific place, region or country
- whose quality, reputation or other characteristic is essentially attributable to its geographical origin
- at least one of the production steps take place in the region



- products of a traditional character, either in the composition or means of production, without a specific link to a particular geographical area



# There are more than 1414 protected designations in the EU:

- ✓ Type: About 56 TSG and 1358 PDO&PGI
- ✓ Countries: Italy, France, Spain, Portugal
- ✓ Products: fruit&vegetables, cereal products, cheese, meat, oils



## EU Legislation:

- Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 664/2014;
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 665/2014;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014

## BG Legislation:



- Law on Implementing of Common Organization of Markets in Agricultural Products of the EU
- MAFF Ordinance 16/14.09.2007 on applications to the EC for agricultural products and foodstuffs with PGO, PGI and TSG, control on compliance with the product specification and maintenance of data bases of producers and control bodies;
- MAFF Ordinance 6/5.05.2011 on the specific requirements for implementation of official control on the use of PGO, PGI and TSG



# Registration:



National Procedure



Procedure on EU level



Inclusion in the EU register for PDO, PGI and TSG



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# National procedure



- Who?

Group of producers: elaborates the specification; perform internal control; economy of scale

- Where?

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry,  
Agrofood Chain Policy Directorate

- How?

Product specification, Single document,  
proofs, other relevant documents



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## National procedure (2)



- Decision for sending the application to the EC is taken by the Minister of agriculture, food and forestry
- Supported by intergovernmental Standing Committee, which includes representatives from Ministry of agriculture, food and forestry, Ministry of economy, Ministry of Health and Patent Office
- MAFF maintains databases of producers of agricultural products and foodstuffs with PDO, PGI and TSG and the control bodies;



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# EU level procedure

- Review of the application by the European Commission (within 6 months);
- If all the requirements are met, publication in Official Journal for objections by MS or Third countries within 3 months period;
- Implementing Regulation by the EC for entering the name in the register, also published in Official Journal



# Controls on compliance with product specification

- by private control bodies accredited under standard EN ISO/IEC 17065:2012 by the Bulgarian Accreditation Service
- based on a contract between the producer and the control body
- control bodies have to be recognized by MAFF on the basis of application, accompanied by:
  - accreditation certificate issued by the Bulgarian Accreditation Service
  - contract with an accredited laboratory
  - control procedures
  - proofs for technical equipment, number of staff with proper qualification and experience
- MAFF supervise the activity of the control bodies



# Control bodies shall perform:

- Full initial control on production facilities, capacity, traceability procedures for raw materials, capacity for implementation of the production specification, quantity produced, lab tests results
- Annual planned checks and additional checks (if needed) on compliance with the production specification, traceability of raw materials, the processed products and the final products



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# Control bodies are obliged to:

- comply with EU Regulations and national legislation;
- comply with the prescriptions of the supervisory authority;
- provide the information requested by MAFF and give access to their offices and other premises for inspection purposes;
- present to MAFF annual report by 31 January each year;
- to inform the ministry of the execution, amendments and termination of each contract for inspection and certification;
- not to disclose information they obtain during their inspection activity;

In case of serious non-compliance identified, the Ministry shall inform the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency for further measures to be undertaken.



# Official controls over products with PDO, PGI and TSG



- performed by the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (BFSА)
- on production, labelling, placing on the market of the products
- annually by 31 March the BFSА shall present to MAFF a detailed report about:
  - conducted audits
  - observed infringements
  - imposed penalties
  - ex-post controls
  - list controlled producers



# Self-control by producers



All producers shall implement self-control procedures and support of documentation for all processes - from the raw materials until placing on the market of the final product: raw materials entry records, production records, lab probes and results, checks of the final products, records of sales.

The checks by the group of producers registered the protected designation are of high importance as well.



# PGIs from Bulgaria



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Българско розово масло  
(Bulgarian Rose Oil)

# TSGs from Bulgaria



Кайсерован врат Тракия



Луканка Панагюрска  
(Lukanka Panagyurska)



Роле Трапезица  
(Role Trapezitsa)



Филе Елена  
(File Elena)



Пастърма говежда  
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Thank you!



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