

Information Notice No. 1/2022

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

ACCESSION BY THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

- 1. On November 3, 2021, the Government of the Republic of Ghana 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 (the "Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement"), 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 their Geographical Indications (the "Common Regulations"), the Government of the Republic of Ghana has notified the following name and contact details of its Competent Authority for the purposes of the procedures provided for by the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement:

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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 https://www.wipo.int/lisbon/en/applicable procedures.html.
- 4. The Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement entered into force, with respect to the Republic of Ghana, on February 3, 2022.