

Information Notice NO. 4/2022

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

Accession by the Czech Republic

- 1. On June 2, 2022, the Government of the Czech Republic 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 (hereinafter referred to as "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 Geographical Indications (hereinafter referred to as "the Common Regulations"), the Government of the Czech Republic has notified the following name and address of its Competent Authority for the purposes of the procedures under the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development
Directorate B, Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 130
1040 Bruxelles / Brussel
Tel: +32 2 299 11 11

E-mail: <u>AGRI-B3-GENEVA@ec.europa.eu</u> Website: <u>www.ec.europa.eu/agriculture/</u>

3. Otherwise, the name and address of the Competent Authority designated by the Government of the Czech Republic for the purposes of the procedures under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration of October 31, 1958, remain unchanged, namely:

Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic Antonína Čermáka 2a 160 68 Prague 6 Czech Republic Tel: +420 220 383 111

Fax: +420 224 324 718 E-mail: posta@upv.gov.cz Website: https://upv.gov.cz/

- 4. Pursuant to Rule 4(3) of the Common Regulations, the Competent Authority referred to in paragraph 2 above 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.htm.
- 5. The Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement will enter into force, with respect to the Czech Republic, on September 2, 2022.

August 23, 2022