

Applicable Procedures in Georgia to Challenge and Enforce Rights in Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications

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Opposition/Challenge Procedures

According to paragraph 6 of Article 13 of the Law of Georgia on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications of Goods, adopted on 21 September 2023, a decision to refuse the registration of an appellation of origin or a geographical indication protected under an international treaty of Georgia may be appealed in accordance with the procedure established by the respective treaty.

Enforcement Mechanisms

Liability for unlawful use of an appellation of origin or geographical indication is set out by the Georgian law on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications of Good (Article 28).

Also, unlawful use of an appellation of origin or geographical indication is set out by Administrative Offences Code of Georgia (Article 158) and Criminal Code of Georgia (Article 196).

With regard to enforcement procedures at the border, the provisions are set out in: Georgian law On Border Measures Related to Intellectual Property.

Please see the links below:

<https://matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/5918630?publication=0> (To view the English version of text, see: <https://www.sakpatenti.gov.ge/en/page/178/>)

<https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/view/28216?publication=512>

<https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/view/16426?publication=275>

<https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/view/3936688?publication=3>