

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

Amendments to 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 (as in force on July 14, 2023)

1. At its forty-second (26th ordinary) session, which took place in Geneva from July 8 to July 17, 2025, the Assembly of the Lisbon Union adopted amendments to 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”) with respect to Rules 1, 8, 15 and 18 (see paragraph 23 of [document LI/A/42/3](#)). These amendments, which are reproduced in the Annex to this Information Notice, will enter into force on July 1, 2026.
2. The amendment to Rule 1(1) of the Common Regulations was adopted to update the definition of “official form” in subparagraph (vi) to include a reference to the electronic interface (e-Lisbon), which has been made available by the International Bureau to Competent Authorities of the Lisbon System on the Organization’s website.
3. The amendment to Rule 8(9) of the Common Regulations was adopted to clarify the relevant date for determining the amount of fees to be paid under the Lisbon System, considering the specificities of the System.
4. The amendment to Rule 15(1) of the Common Regulations was adopted to extend the list of modifications that can be recorded in the International Register, namely:
 - a modification relating to the appellation of origin or the geographical indication;
 - a modification relating to the good or goods to which the appellation of origin or the geographical indication applies;
 - a modification relating to the particulars as referred to in Rule 5(3)(a) or the information referred to in Rule 5(6)(a)(vi).

5. Rule 15(5) was introduced to allow the possibility for a Contracting Party to notify a refusal if it is not in a position to ensure the protection of the appellation of origin or geographical indication following a modification where the modification concerns the appellation of origin or the geographical indication, the good or goods to which the appellation of origin or the geographical indication applies, or the particulars as referred to in Rule 5(3)(a), and only on the basis of that modification.

6. Rule 18(4) was amended to introduce the same clarification, namely that a refusal following a correction can only be based on that correction. This amendment aligns the text in Rule 18(4) with the new Rule 15(5).

7. For more detailed background information concerning the amendments referred to above, reference is made to [document LI/A/42/2](#).

July 1, 2026

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as in force on [July 1, 2026](#) ~~July 14, 2023~~

Chapter I Introductory and General Provisions

Rule 1 Definitions

(1) *[Abbreviated Expressions]* For the purposes of these Regulations, unless expressly stated otherwise:

[...]

(vi) "Official Form" means a form drawn up by the International Bureau or an electronic interface made available by the International Bureau on the website of the Organization;

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Chapter II Application and International Registration

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Rule 8 Fees

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(9) *[Change in the Amount of the Fees]*

(a) Where the amount of the fees payable in respect of an application referred to in Rule 5(2)(c) is changed between the date of filing the application and the date of payment, the fee that was valid on the first date shall be applicable.

(b) Where the amount of the fees payable in respect of a request for entry of a modification referred to in Rule 15(2)(a) is changed between the date on which the request was presented and the date of payment, the fee that was valid on the first date shall be applicable.

(c) Where the amount of the fees to be paid in relation to a modification or as an individual fee, in the case referred to in Rule 7(4)(a) and (d), is changed between the date of entry into force of the Geneva Act with respect to a State that is party to the 1967 Act and the date of payment, the fee that was valid on the first date shall be applicable.

(d) Where the amount of any fee other than the fees referred to in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) is changed, the amount valid on the date on which the fee was received by the International Bureau shall be applicable.

[...]

Rule 15 Modifications

(1) *[Permissible Modifications]* The following modifications may be recorded in the International Register:

[...]

(vii) a modification relating to the appellation of origin or the geographical indication;

(viii) a modification relating to the good or goods to which the appellation of origin or the geographical indication applies;

(ix) a modification relating to the particulars as referred to in Rule 5(3)(a) or the information referred to in Rule 5(6)(a)(vi).

[...]

(5) *[Application of Rules 9 to 12]*

(a) Where the modification concerns the appellation of origin or the geographical indication, or the good or goods to which the appellation of origin or the geographical indication applies, the Competent Authority of a Contracting Party has the right to declare that it cannot ensure the protection of the appellation of origin or geographical indication because of the modification. The declaration shall be addressed to the International Bureau by such Competent Authority within a period of one year from the date of receipt of the notification by the International Bureau of the modification. Rules 9 to 12 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) Where the modification concerns the particulars as referred to in Rule 5(3)(a), the Competent Authority of a Contracting Party that has made the notification under Rule 5(3), has the right to declare that it cannot ensure the protection of the appellation of origin or geographical indication because of the modification. The declaration shall be addressed to the International Bureau by such Competent Authority within a period of one year from the date of receipt of the notification by the International Bureau of the modification. Rules 9 to 12 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

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Rule 18
Corrections Made to the International Register

[...]

(4) *[Application of Rules 9 to 12]* Where the correction of an error concerns the appellation of origin or the geographical indication, or the good or goods to which the appellation of origin or the geographical indication applies, the Competent Authority of a Contracting Party has the right to declare that it cannot ensure the protection of the appellation of origin or geographical indication ~~after~~ because of the correction. The declaration shall be addressed to the International Bureau by such Competent Authority within a period of one year from the date of receipt of the notification by the International Bureau of the correction. Rules 9 to 12 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

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