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Geographical Indications?

Data for 2017 from 82 national/regional authorities (sui generis, trademarks, other national legal means, regional systems, agreements):

~59,500
China had more than 8,500 GIs in force

5.1. Geographical indications in force for selected national/regional authorities, 2017

Wine and spirits accounted for 57.1% of GIs in force

5.3. Geographical indications in force by product categories, 2017

- 57.1% Wines and spirits
- 28.2% Agricultural products
- 12.0% Others/unknown
- 2.7% Handicrafts
- 0.03% Services

Geographical Indications in the SCT

- Proposal by the Delegation of the United States of America on national examination practices for GIs (document SCT/30/7 and document SCT/31/7)

- Joint proposal by the Delegations of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Spain and Switzerland (document SCT/31/8 Rev. 7) to study the protection of GIs in the Domain Name System

- Proposal by the Delegation of France (document SCT/34/6)
Geographical Indications

- Information Session on national and regional GI protection systems and GIs on the Internet

- Work plan on Geographical Indications:
  - Questionnaire on the national and regional systems that can provide a certain protection to geographical indications
  - Questionnaire on the use/misuse of geographical indications, country names and geographical terms on the Internet and in the DNS.
  - Survey the existing state of play of geographical indications, country names and other geographical terms in the DNS
Geographical Indications

- Questionnaire I on the national and regional systems that can provide a certain protection to GIs
- Compilation of the Replies (44), Document SCT/40/6

- Questionnaire II on the use/misuse of GIs, Country Names and other geographical terms on the Internet and in the DNS
- Compilation of the Replies (28), Document SCT/40/6
Means for Protection

- Sui generis: 33
- Trademarks: 12
- Collective Marks: 22
- Certification Marks: 17
- Specific Laws: 14
- Other: 14
Goods/Services covered

- All types of goods: 19
- Services: 9
- Agri-food products: 19
- Wines and Spirits: 16
- Handicrafts: 13
Term of Protection/Renewal

- An unlimited period
- A renewable limited period of 10 years