

**Question for written answer E-001338/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: New EU-Morocco agreement on the recognition of geographical indications

The EU and Morocco recently concluded an agreement on mutual protection of agri-food products with geographical indications (GIs). The agreement covers some 3200 European products (processed agricultural products, wines, spirits and aromatised wines) and 30 Moroccan products. It is the first major step towards promoting quality products and protecting consumers and will have a positive impact on the bilateral cooperation provided for under the 2013-2017 EU-Morocco Action Plan.

Can the Commission say:

1. what kind and level of protection GI products will be given under the above agreement;
2. whether the level of protection will be higher than that provided for under the TRIPS agreement;
3. how it intends to ensure that origin and quality requirements for agricultural products are met?