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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Nicola Danti
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The possible extension of geographical indication protection of the European Union to non-agricultural products
(2015/2053(INI))

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Amendment 1

Nicola Danti

Draft opinion

Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Notes that the Commission Green Paper entitled ‘Making the most out of Europe’s know-how: a possible extension of geographical indication protection of the European Union to non-agricultural products’ follows on from its communication entitled ‘A Single Market for Intellectual Property Rights’ (2011), the ‘Study on geographical indications protection for non-agricultural products in the Internal Market’ and the public hearing held following the publication of that study;

Or. it

Amendment 2

Nicola Danti

Draft opinion

Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. Welcomes the outcome of the public consultation which the Commission held on the Green Paper and which concluded on 28 October 2014;

Or. it

Amendment 3

Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1b. Points out that, although it has had such a system for food and agricultural products for many years now, the EU currently does not have a unitary system for the protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products, as a result of which those products are not protected in Member States in which they are not covered by national legislation and, at the same time, products that enjoy national or regional protection in individual Member States are not properly protected at EU level;

Or. it

Amendment 4
Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Considers that the lack of a unitary system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products ***creates a highly fragmented situation in Europe***, arising from different national ***and local, sectoral or transversal*** rules, ***which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the common market, as well as homogeneous protection and effective competition on equal terms, which prevent consumers from receiving accurate, truthful and comparable information and which are an obstacle to*** consumer protection;

1. Notes the lack of a unitary system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products, arising from different national rules; ***believes that in the context of the single market this fragmentation may effectively encourage unfair competition and therefore harm consumers; stresses that this alone should call into question the current anarchic construction of the single market, and that consequently the national framework remains, for the time being, the optimum framework for ensuring effective and realistic*** consumer protection;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that the lack of a unitary system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products creates **a** highly fragmented situation in Europe, arising from different national and local, sectoral or transversal rules, which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the common market, as well as homogeneous protection and effective competition on equal terms, which prevent consumers from receiving accurate, truthful and comparable information and which are an obstacle to consumer protection;

Amendment

1. Considers that the lack of a unitary system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products creates **an inadequate and** highly fragmented situation in Europe, arising from **the fact that some Member States offer no specific protection and others have** different national and local, sectoral or transversal rules, which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the common market, as well as homogeneous protection and effective competition on equal terms, which prevent consumers from receiving accurate, truthful and comparable information and which are an obstacle to consumer protection;

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that the lack of **a** unitary system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products creates a highly fragmented situation in Europe, arising from different national and local, sectoral or transversal rules, which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the

Amendment

1. Considers that the lack of **an EU** unitary system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products creates a highly fragmented situation in Europe, arising from different national and local, sectoral or transversal rules, which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the

common market, as well as homogeneous protection and effective competition on equal terms, which prevent consumers from receiving accurate, truthful and comparable information and which are an obstacle to consumer protection;

common market, as well as homogeneous protection *of Europe's economic interests and cultural heritage* and effective competition on equal terms, which prevent consumers from receiving accurate, truthful and comparable information and which are an obstacle to consumer protection;

Or. it

Amendment 7
Tonino Picula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that the lack of a unitary system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products creates a highly fragmented situation in Europe, arising from *different* national and local, sectoral or transversal rules, which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the common market, as well as homogeneous protection and effective competition on equal terms, which prevent consumers from receiving accurate, truthful and comparable information and which are an obstacle to consumer protection;

Amendment

1. Considers that the lack of a unitary system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products creates a highly fragmented situation in Europe, arising from *differences in definition, procedures, the level of protection, and the implementation of* national and local, sectoral or transversal rules, which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the common market, as well as homogeneous protection and effective competition on equal terms, which prevent consumers from receiving accurate, truthful and comparable information and which are an obstacle to consumer protection;

Or. hr

Amendment 8
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that the lack of a **unitary** system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products creates a highly fragmented situation in Europe, **arising from different national and local, sectoral or transversal rules, which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the common market, as well as homogeneous protection and effective competition on equal terms**, which prevent consumers from receiving **accurate, truthful and** comparable information and which **are** an obstacle to consumer protection;

Amendment

1. Considers that the lack of a **minimum** system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products creates a highly fragmented situation in Europe, which prevent consumers from receiving comparable information and which **is** an obstacle to consumer protection;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that the **lack of a unitary system for the** protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products **creates a highly fragmented situation in Europe, arising from different national and local, sectoral or transversal rules, which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the common market, as well as homogeneous protection and effective competition on equal terms**, which prevent consumers from receiving **accurate, truthful and comparable information and which are an obstacle to consumer protection**;

Amendment

1. Considers that the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products **requires careful analysis, in view of the interplay between existing rights held at European, national, local or sectoral levels, and other provisions at European level which provide consumer protection against misrepresentations of this kind**;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Dita Charanzová, Kaja Kallas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that the lack of a unitary system for the protection of geographical indications relating to non-agricultural products creates a highly fragmented situation in Europe, arising from different national and local, sectoral or transversal rules, which have distorting effects, which hamper the harmonious development of the common market, as well as homogeneous protection and effective competition on equal terms, which prevent consumers from receiving accurate, truthful and comparable information and which are an obstacle to consumer protection;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes, therefore, the publication of the Green Paper (COM(2014)469) by the Commission and looks favourably upon the possible extension of the European Union's geographical indications to non-agricultural products;

Amendment

2. Looks favourably upon the possible extension of the European Union's geographical indications to non-agricultural products;

Or. fr

Amendment 12
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes, therefore, the publication of the Green Paper (COM(2014)469) by the Commission and ***looks favourably upon*** the possible extension of the European Union's geographical indications to non-agricultural products;

Amendment

2. Welcomes, therefore, the publication of the Green Paper (COM(2014)469) by the Commission and ***consideration of*** the possible extension of the European Union's geographical indications to non-agricultural products;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes, therefore, the publication of the Green Paper (COM(2014)469) by the Commission and ***looks favourably upon the possible extension of*** the European Union's geographical indications to non-agricultural products;

Amendment

2. Welcomes, therefore, the publication of the Green Paper (COM(2014)469) by the Commission and ***is in favour of*** the European Union's ***system of protection based on*** geographical indications ***being extended to cover*** non-agricultural products;

Or. it

Amendment 14
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. **Welcomes**, therefore, the publication of the Green Paper (COM(2014)469) by the Commission **and looks favourably upon the possible extension of the European Union's geographical indications to non-agricultural products**;

Amendment

2. **Notes**, therefore, the publication of the Green Paper (COM(2014)469) by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Believes that such a system should establish minimum standards, based on proposals by the regional or national level, as appropriate, in order to allow for registered geographical indications;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Mylène Troszczyński

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Hopes, furthermore, that the Commission will submit without delay a legislative proposal with the aim of establishing a single European system of protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products;

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Or. fr

Amendment 17
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Hopes, furthermore, that the Commission will submit *without delay* a legislative proposal with the aim of establishing a single European system of protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products;

Amendment

3. Hopes, furthermore, that the Commission will submit *after careful consideration* a legislative proposal with the aim of establishing a single European system of protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Hopes, furthermore, that the Commission will submit without delay a legislative proposal with the aim of establishing a single European system of protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products;

Amendment

3. Hopes, furthermore, that the Commission will submit without delay a legislative proposal with the aim of establishing a single European system of protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products *on a voluntary basis*;

Or. cs

Amendment 19
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Hopes, furthermore*, that the Commission *will submit without delay a legislative proposal with the aim of establishing a single European system of protection* of geographical indications for non-agricultural products;

Amendment

3. *Considers* that the Commission *must base any potential future action on solid evidence, and looks forward to deeper analysis of the stakeholder consultation, future impact assessment and other research into the area* of geographical indications for non-agricultural products;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Dennis de Jong

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Hopes, furthermore, that the Commission will submit without delay a legislative proposal with the aim of establishing a single European system of protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products;

Amendment

3. Hopes, furthermore, that the Commission will submit without delay a legislative proposal with the aim of establishing a single European system of protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products *on a voluntary basis*;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that this system should be based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, and calls on the

Amendment

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Commission to learn the necessary lessons from the experience gained in that sector, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved;

Commission to learn the necessary lessons from the experience gained in that sector, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved ***and ensures that there are strict controls and the greatest possible transparency;***

Or. es

Amendment 22
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that this system should be based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, and calls on the Commission to learn the necessary lessons from the experience gained in that sector, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved;

Amendment

4. Considers that this system should be based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, and calls on the Commission to learn the necessary lessons from the experience gained in that sector, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved ***and includes appropriate means of dealing with fraud;***

Or. it

Amendment 23
Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. ***Considers that this system should be based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, and*** calls on the Commission to ***learn*** the necessary lessons from the experience gained in ***that sector***, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to ***apply*** the necessary lessons ***learned*** from the experience gained in ***the agricultural and food sectors***, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved; ***further calls on the Commission in this regard to apply a non-sectoral approach to a system of protection***

Or. en

Amendment 24
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that this system should be based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, and calls on the Commission to learn the necessary lessons from the experience gained in that sector, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved;

Amendment

4. Considers that this system should be based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, and calls on the Commission to learn the necessary lessons from the experience gained in that sector, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden ***and deterrent costs*** for the operators involved;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that ***this system should be*** based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, ***and calls on*** the Commission ***to learn the necessary*** lessons from the experience gained in that sector, ***with the aim of creating a system*** based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which ***is*** effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved;

Amendment

4. Considers that ***analysis may be based on a system*** based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, ***but cautions that any such policy option assessed by the Commission should include revision based on the*** lessons from the experience gained in that sector; ***any such policy options should be*** based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and ***offer positive impacts*** which ***are*** effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Dennis de Jong
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that this system should be based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, and calls on the Commission to learn the necessary lessons from the experience gained in that sector, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved;

Amendment

4. Considers that this system should be ***voluntary, and*** based on the general principles governing the system in force for agricultural and food products, and calls on the Commission to learn the necessary lessons from the experience gained in that sector, with the aim of creating a system based on best practices and transparent and non-discriminatory principles, and which is effective, responsive and free of unnecessary administrative burden for the operators involved;

Amendment 27
Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Is strongly convinced that* extending protection of geographical indications to non-agricultural products could have many and varied positive effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric;

Amendment

5. *Wonders how, specifically,* extending protection of geographical indications to non-agricultural products could have many and varied positive effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Is strongly convinced* that extending protection of geographical indications to non-agricultural products could have many and varied *positive* effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric;

Amendment

5. *Considers* that extending protection of geographical indications to non-agricultural products could have many and varied effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric, *and which will require careful study in any future proposal*;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Is strongly convinced that extending protection of geographical indications to non-agricultural products could have many and varied positive effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric;

Amendment

5. Is strongly convinced that extending protection of geographical indications to non-agricultural products could have many and varied positive effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric, ***as well as positive effects on trade relations which the EU maintains or is negotiating with third countries;***

Or. fr

Amendment 30
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Is ***strongly convinced that extending protection of geographical indications to non-agricultural products*** could have many and varied ***positive*** effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric;

Amendment

5. Is ***of the opinion that proposals in this area*** could have many and varied effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric, ***underlining the need for robust analysis before bringing forward a proposal; emphasises that such a proposal must be of benefit to SMEs as well as consumers, and notes with concern the opinion expressed in the consultation that SMEs may not find a new system worth investing in;***

Or. en

Amendment 31
Dita Charanzová, Kaja Kallas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Is strongly convinced that extending protection of geographical indications to non-agricultural products could have many **and varied** positive effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric;

Amendment

5. Is strongly convinced that extending protection of geographical indications to non-agricultural products could have many positive effects for citizens, consumers, producers and the whole European economic and social fabric, **and enable the EU to achieve equal protection for such European products in third countries in the framework of international trade negotiations;**

Or. en

Amendment 32
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Considers that this system could, in particular:

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin and ensuring traceability;

- help effectively to combat counterfeiting, fraudulent use of the name of a geographical origin and other unfair practices which mislead the final consumer and cause harm, most of all, to micro and medium-sized enterprises which produce the vast majority of the products that could potentially receive protection;

- promote and facilitate access to the common market for European craft

Amendment

deleted

products, which are the fruit of traditional knowledge and skills, helping to conserve precious know-how which characterises entire social and local communities and which represents a significant element in the historical, cultural, economic and social heritage of Europe;

- promote the development of new, skilled employment with links to local areas, with particular reference to depressed areas and to the poorest regions, imparting a fresh impetus to vocational and craft training closely connected to the development of localities and production areas;

- help to increase the overall attractiveness of an area and to preserve local identities, as well as facilitating the generation of useful synergies to promote local areas and their distinctiveness, with consequent benefits also from the point of view of tourism, culture and trade;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 – introductory part

Draft opinion

6. Considers that this system could, *in particular*:

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6. Considers that *the advantage of* this system *is that it* could:

Or. fr

Amendment 34

Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 – indent 1

Draft opinion

- **protect** consumers **more effectively and help** them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin and ensuring traceability;

Amendment

- **in certain countries where the legislation may be incomplete, provide more protection to** consumers **by helping** them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin and ensuring traceability, **although some countries already have effective regulations in this area;**

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1

Draft opinion

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin **and** ensuring traceability;

Amendment

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin, ensuring traceability **and obviating confusion among consumers;**

Or. es

Amendment 36
Igor Šoltes

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1

Draft opinion

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing

Amendment

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing

transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin and *ensuring* traceability;

transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin and *contributing to improve* traceability;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1

Draft opinion

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality *and* origin and ensuring traceability;

Amendment

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality, origin *and production conditions* and ensuring traceability;

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1

Draft opinion

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin *and* ensuring traceability;

Amendment

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin, ensuring traceability *and obviating the risk of them being misled by false or misleading names or descriptions*;

Or. it

Amendment 39
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1

Draft opinion

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin and ensuring traceability;

Amendment

- protect consumers more effectively, ***enhance consumers' trust in the labelled products*** and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin and ensuring traceability;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1

Draft opinion

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality ***and origin and ensuring traceability***;

Amendment

- protect consumers more effectively and help them to make better informed choices about buying products, increasing transparency ***and traceability and*** furnishing more information about ***the*** quality and origin ***of products and the production methods used, not least on account of the growing consumer interest in such matters***;

Or. it

Amendment 41
Dita Charanzová, Kaja Kallas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1

Draft opinion

- protect consumers more effectively **and help them** to make better informed choices **about buying** products, increasing transparency, furnishing more information about quality and origin **and ensuring traceability**;

Amendment

- protect consumers more effectively, **particularly if the existence of such a system is efficiently communicated, and helping consumers** to make better informed choices **regarding the** products **they purchase by** increasing transparency **and** furnishing more information about quality and origin,

Or. en

Amendment 42
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- **contribute to the sustainability of jobs created in poorly developed areas that have a wide range of traditional products to offer. Jobs created by these types of products cannot be moved in other regions due to its ties to the product**;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- **help, in particular, small and micro-enterprises, which are the source of close to 80% of the typical locally made products that could be protected under the geographical indications system; this**

would give them an opportunity to boost sales by means of more effective marketing operations and an incentive to cooperate more closely, given the collective nature of the scheme;

Or. it

Amendment 44
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- contribute to the increase in sales of such products in poorer regions and guarantee consumer protection due to its high quality;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- help develop new strategies to support entrepreneurship, at local and regional level, by allocating new funds to encourage training or business development with traditional products, while also bearing the geographic identity of the respective area which is an efficient way to also promote the region;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- contribute to the development of new local programs in order to train and encourage endangered traditional occupations, while also conserving the unique and diverse heritage of each region;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

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- help develop new strategies at local and regional level to support the participation of traditional products at trade fairs and exhibitions, in particular by means of stands aimed at enhancing the image area, the region of origin of these products;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 2

Draft opinion

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- help effectively to combat counterfeiting,

- help effectively to combat counterfeiting,

fraudulent use of the name of a geographical origin and other unfair practices which mislead the final consumer and cause harm, most of all, to micro and **medium-sized enterprises** which produce the vast majority of the products that could potentially receive protection;

fraudulent use of the name of a geographical origin and other unfair practices which mislead the final consumer and cause harm, most of all, to micro **enterprises** and **SMEs** which **legitimately** produce the vast majority of the products that could potentially receive protection **and which currently do not have the legal or financial means to defend their interests**;

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 2

Draft opinion

- help effectively to combat counterfeiting, fraudulent use of the name of a geographical origin and other unfair practices which **mislead the final consumer and** cause harm, most of all, to micro and medium-sized enterprises which produce the vast majority of the products that could potentially receive protection;

Amendment

- help effectively to combat counterfeiting, fraudulent use of the name of a geographical origin and other unfair practices which cause harm, most of all, to micro and medium-sized enterprises which produce the vast majority of the products that could potentially receive protection **and have an adverse impact on exports and on investment in research and innovation**;

Or. it

Amendment 50
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

- foster commercial expansion outside the EU and help to promote products as a

Amendment

*result of the added value afforded by
protected geographical indications;*

Or. es

Amendment 51

Nicola Danti

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 – indent 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*- make it easier to establish uniform,
effective oversight procedures, thus giving
consumers and producers the chance to
protect themselves against counterfeiting,
imitation and other illegal practices;*

Or. it

Amendment 52

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 – indent 2 b (new)

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*- foster innovation in traditional
production processes and the creation of
new start-ups for traditional products,
thus helping to create jobs for young
people and maintain local communities in
less favoured areas by generating
sustainable competitive growth;*

Or. es

Amendment 53

Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 3

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- promote and facilitate access to the common market for European craft products, which are the fruit of traditional knowledge and skills, helping to conserve precious know-how which characterises entire social and local communities and which represents a significant element in the historical, cultural, economic and social heritage of *Europe*;

Amendment

- promote and facilitate access to the common market for European craft products, which are the fruit of traditional knowledge and skills, helping to conserve precious know-how which characterises entire social and local communities and which represents a significant element in the historical, cultural, economic and social heritage of *European nations*;

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 3

Draft opinion

- promote and facilitate access to the common market for European craft products, which are the fruit of traditional knowledge and skills, helping to conserve precious know-how which characterises entire social and local communities and which represents a significant element in the historical, cultural, economic and social heritage of Europe;

Amendment

- promote and facilitate access to the common market, *under the same terms and subject to the same controls*, for European craft products, which are the fruit of traditional knowledge and skills, helping to conserve precious know-how which characterises entire social and local communities and which represents a significant element in the historical, cultural, economic and social heritage of Europe;

Or. es

Amendment 55
Dita Charanzová, Kaja Kallas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 3

Draft opinion

- promote and facilitate access to the common market for European craft products, which are the fruit of traditional knowledge and skills, **helping** to conserve **precious** know-how which characterises entire social and local communities and which **represents** a significant element in the historical, cultural, economic and social heritage of Europe;

Amendment

- promote and facilitate access to the common market **and markets outside the EU** for European craft products, which are the fruit of traditional knowledge and skills **that help** to conserve **valuable** know-how which characterises entire social and local communities, and which **represent** a significant element in the historical, cultural, economic and social heritage of Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 4

Draft opinion

- promote the development of new, skilled employment with links to local areas, with particular reference to depressed areas and to the poorest regions, imparting a fresh impetus to vocational and craft training closely connected to the development of localities and production areas;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 57
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 4

Draft opinion

- promote the development of new, skilled employment with links to local areas, with particular reference to depressed areas and to the poorest regions, imparting a fresh impetus to vocational and craft training closely connected to the development of localities and production areas;

Amendment

- promote the development of new, skilled employment with links to local areas, with particular reference to **rural areas**, depressed areas and to the poorest regions, imparting a fresh impetus to vocational and craft training closely connected to the development of localities and production areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 58
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 4

Draft opinion

- promote the development of new, skilled employment with links to local areas, with particular reference to depressed areas and to the poorest regions, imparting a fresh impetus to vocational and craft training closely connected to the development of localities and production areas;

Amendment

- promote **the maintenance of infrastructure and** the development of new, skilled employment with links to local areas, with particular reference to depressed areas and to the poorest regions, imparting a fresh impetus to vocational and craft training closely connected to the development of localities and production areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 59
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 4

Draft opinion

- promote the development of new, skilled employment with links to local areas, with

Amendment

- promote the development of new, skilled employment with links to local areas, with

particular reference to depressed areas and to the *poorest* regions, imparting a fresh impetus to vocational and craft training *closely connected* to the development of localities and production areas;

particular reference to depressed areas and to the *most marginal* regions, *in many of which employment is dependent on typical locally made products*, imparting a fresh impetus to vocational and craft training, *which is central* to the development of localities and production areas;

Or. it

Amendment 60
Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 5

Draft opinion

- help to increase the overall attractiveness of an area and to preserve local identities, as well as facilitating the generation of useful synergies to promote local areas and their distinctiveness, with consequent benefits also from the point of view of tourism, culture and trade;

Amendment

- help to increase the overall attractiveness of an area and to preserve *national and* local identities, as well as facilitating the generation of useful synergies to promote local areas and their distinctiveness, with consequent benefits also from the point of view of tourism, culture and trade;

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 5

Draft opinion

- help to increase the overall attractiveness of an area and to preserve local identities, as well as facilitating the generation of useful synergies to promote local areas and their distinctiveness, with consequent benefits also from the point of view of tourism, culture and trade;

Amendment

- help to increase the overall attractiveness of an area and to preserve local identities, as well as facilitating the generation of useful synergies to promote local areas and their distinctiveness, with consequent benefits also from the point of view of tourism, culture and trade, *and making the most of the strong link between products*

and the specific geographical area in which they are produced;

Or. it

Amendment 62
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – indent 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- bring a positive impact in the EU trade relations with third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Believes, that effects of a single European system of protection of geographical indications for non-agricultural products will depend on whether all necessary information concerning this system will reach producers and consumers; stresses that informed consumers, promotion and accessible protection will play an important role in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Considers that the new system, as happened in the past with agrofood products, should represent a guarantee which is intuitively perceptible to consumers who seek high-quality products, regarding authenticity and origin, based on reliable and clear information;

Amendment

7. Considers that the new system, as happened in the past with agrofood products, should represent a guarantee which is intuitively perceptible to consumers who seek high-quality products, regarding authenticity and origin, based on reliable and clear information; ***stresses that the system must be transparent, as this is of key importance to consumer confidence, which is a cornerstone of the market economy;***

Or. es

Amendment 65
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Considers that the new system, ***as happened in the past with*** agrofood products, should represent a guarantee which is intuitively perceptible to consumers who seek high-quality products, regarding authenticity and origin, based on reliable and clear information;

Amendment

7. Considers that the new system, ***which would take over the best features of the system currently in place for*** agrofood products, should represent a guarantee which is intuitively perceptible to consumers who seek high-quality products, regarding authenticity and origin, based on reliable and clear information;

Or. it

Amendment 66
Tonino Picula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Considers that the new system, as happened in the past with agrofood products, should represent a guarantee which is intuitively perceptible to consumers who seek high-quality products, regarding authenticity and origin, based on reliable and clear information;

Amendment

7. Considers that the new system, as happened in the past with agrofood products, should represent a guarantee which is intuitively perceptible to consumers who seek high-quality products, regarding authenticity and origin, based on reliable and clear information; ***considers that open-ended lists of all products, both agricultural and non-agricultural, protected by geographical indications should be incorporated into future EU trade agreements with non-member countries;***

Or. hr

Amendment 67

Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Considers that ***the new*** system, as happened in the past with agrofood products, should represent a guarantee which is intuitively perceptible to consumers who seek high-quality products, regarding authenticity and origin, based on reliable and clear information;

Amendment

7. Considers that ***any such*** system, as happened in the past with agrofood products, should represent a guarantee which is intuitively perceptible to consumers who seek high-quality products, regarding authenticity and origin, based on reliable and clear information; ***believes that a strong link with the geographical area should be required, for instance that all raw materials used in the production are sourced from that particular area;***

Or. en

Amendment 68

Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Believes that any new proposal in this area should not negatively affect the possibility for commercial products where a particular style or characteristic is replicated or inspires a product, but which is only similar and does not represent itself as being from that geographic locations;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Points out that this new protection scheme is not intended to replace existing instruments, and that the key word should be compatibility of new geographical indications with effective existing rights and systems;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single European register, that it should be

deleted

characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Mylène Troszczyński

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that this system must *be accompanied by the creation of a single European register, that it should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;*

Amendment

8. Stresses that this system must, *as a priority, seek to* enhance the link between products and their area of origin, in *particular by means of short supply chains, in* order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product, guarantee its origin and traceability *and protect dependent jobs in local industries;*

Or. fr

Amendment 72
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single European register, *that it should be*

Amendment

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single European register *making it possible to*

characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, ***in order to*** increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;

significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, ***improve transparency***, increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;

Or. fr

Amendment 73
Igor Šoltes

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single European register, that it should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product ***and*** guarantee its origin and traceability;

Amendment

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single European register, that it should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product, guarantee its origin and ***contribute to improve its*** traceability;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single

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European register, that it should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;

European register, that it should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability; *points to the need for regular checks to be carried out once PGI status has been granted, to make sure that the criteria on which that status is based are still being met;*

Or. es

Amendment 75
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of *a single European register, that it should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;*

Amendment

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of *registers on a regional or national level;*

Or. en

Amendment 76
Dennis de Jong
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single European register, **that it** should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;

Amendment

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single European register, **whilst avoiding any unnecessary administrative burdens. Stresses further that such a system** should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single European register, that it should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;

Amendment

8. Stresses that this system must be accompanied by the creation of a single, **standardised and public** European register, that it should be characterised by a cross-cutting approach in order to maximise its economic and social impact, and that it should significantly enhance the existing link between products and their area of origin, in order to increase the credibility and authenticity of a product and guarantee its origin and traceability;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Stresses the need to check and monitor whether the specific characteristics, quality and origin of a geographical indications for non-agricultural products are maintained during the whole period of protection in this system, believes that producers would be also motivated to maintain the given quality standards;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Considers, at the same time, that the system should allow reasonable margins of flexibility in order more effectively to meet the need to protect heterogeneous products with diverse specific characteristics;

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Or. en

Amendment 80
Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Considers, at the same time, that the system should allow reasonable margins of

9. Considers, at the same time, that the system should allow reasonable margins of

flexibility in order more effectively *to* meet the need to protect heterogeneous products with diverse specific characteristics;

flexibility in order *to* more effectively meet the need to protect heterogeneous products with diverse specific characteristics;
further considers that an EU level system of protection should cover non-geographical names which are unambiguously associated with a given place;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Robert Rochefort

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Proposes that producer groups, their associations, chambers of commerce and local authorities should be authorised to apply for registration of a GI for non-agricultural products;

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. Considers that the system must be based on compliance with a clear product specification, as in the case of agrofood products, but without discouraging innovation.

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Or. en

Amendment 83
Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Considers that the system must be based on compliance with a clear product specification, as in the case of agrofood products, but without discouraging innovation.

Amendment

10. Considers that the system must be based on compliance with a clear product specification, as in the case of agrofood products, but without discouraging innovation ***and the natural evolution of production processes and technology.***

Or. it

Amendment 84
Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Considers that the system must be based on compliance with a clear product specification, as in the case of agrofood products, but without ***discouraging*** innovation.

Amendment

10. Considers that the system must be based on compliance with a clear product specification, as in the case of agrofood products, but without ***ruling out the possibility of*** innovation ***where this could result in greater efficiency without diminishing the product's quality or distinctiveness.***

Or. it

Amendment 85
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Believes that with the introduction of a single European registry for non-agricultural products with geographical indication, a control system should also be considered in order to identify counterfeit products;

Or. en

**Amendment 86
Nicola Danti**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Takes the view that extending the scope of the geographical indication protection system to cover non-agricultural products could help to make the EU's position in this area still stronger and more cogent, both in bilateral trade negotiations and in multilateral forums, the ultimate aim being to provide a high level of protection for all high-quality European products outside the EU; believes that a comprehensive EU geographical indications system would make it easier to carry out joint promotional campaigns outside the EU, which would help the enterprises concerned and make for a more cohesive single market;

Or. it

**Amendment 87
Maria Grapini**

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. Considers that with the introduction of a single European registry for non-agricultural products with geographical indication a unique digital presentation system should be created for all products already contained in the register in order to stimulate European craft products, with the role to preserve, inform and protect the consumers.

Or. en

Amendment 88
Nicola Danti, Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. Believes that extending the scope of the geographical indication protection system to cover non-agricultural products should form part of a broader strategy for promoting high-quality EU products, based on a stronger commitment from the EU institutions to treat manufacturing and craft industries as a driving force for growth and the completion of the single market;

Or. it

Amendment 89
Nicola Danti, Virginie Rozière

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10c. Takes the view that, under the new EU legislative framework for procurement, a product quality and origin certification system could be of use to contracting authorities in connection with technical specifications, certification and award criteria, in particular at local and regional level.

Or. it