

**Question for written answer P-011461/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Possible additional optional geographical indications for agri-food products

EU legislation does not allow PDO and PGI labels to identify internal geographic differences, although these differences can substantially and objectively affect the characteristics of the agricultural food product in question.

Conversely, for wine, under Article 120 (1)(g) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 the name of another geographical unit that is smaller or larger than the area underlying the designation of origin or geographical indication may be indicated on the label.

Given that this option for the wine industry has proven to be useful and successful both for consumers and with regard to the marketing of the products, can the Commission:

1. state the reasons for this differentiation;
2. explain what legal obstacles are preventing the two different sets of laws from being aligned as regards this specific aspect?