

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3012/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Wine

Amidst the tortuous negotiations over alcoholic beverages and foods, has the Commission been able to discuss with the other members of the WTO the list of geographical indications that the European Union would like to see protected internationally?

This list includes several names of wine, such as Rioja, and other food products.

Does the Commission believe that it will be possible to reach an agreement in this area, given the strong resistance shown by countries like the United States, who have grown used to freely misappropriating Community names?