

**Question for written answer E-000620/2014  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Baklava - Turkey

The European Commission considers Turkey to be the country where baklava was invented, and the dessert's entry in the list of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications (PGIs) includes this information.

It is therefore impossible for EU Member States – which, lest we forget, do not count Turkey among their number – to contest this origin.

The aim of this list is to protect the names of high-quality agricultural produce. However, Greece, which is a traditional manufacturer of the dessert, must now pay a fee to Turkey every time it uses the term baklava.

Can the Commission explain this surprising non-Community 'preferential' choice, which is particularly detrimental to Greece?