

**Question for written answer E-003581/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protection of Geographical Indicators in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

Much has been made of the economic opportunities that the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) will provide the EU.

However, there is widespread concern amongst EU citizens that the TTIP will in fact threaten standards and undermine our high-quality agricultural industry.

How does the Commission intend to protect sensitive Welsh agricultural products such as Welsh Lamb, Welsh Beef or Halen Môn with Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) and Protected Geographical Indication (PGI)?

Can the Commission give assurances that these indicators will be unequivocally protected during these negotiations?