

**Question for written answer E-004044/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Protection of 'Prosecco' DOC under the bilateral agreement on wine between the EU and the United States

The Consortium for the Protection of Prosecco DOC, one of the world's mostly widely exported wines, recently launched the process of registering the 'Prosecco' certification mark in the United States.

In this context, the US Trade Mark Office (USPTO) appears to have questioned the protection of the Prosecco PDO under the 2006 bilateral Wine Agreement between the EU and the US¹ and the subsequent Commission Implementing Decision of 2011,² following which the name Prosecco was included among the European PDOs to which protection is conferred under the agreement.

The USPTO, in particular, has stated that since the bilateral agreement was signed before Prosecco was recognised as a PDO, it does not afford denomination protection, which overlooks the update to the 2011 agreement that saw the Prosecco PDO being included as one of the protected European denominations under the agreement.

In view of this, can the Commission state:

1. How it intends to ensure the correct interpretation and implementation of the agreement, considering that the US market is an important one for Prosecco?
2. What preventive strategies it will put in place in the future when concluding trade agreements to protect PDOs?

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¹ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22006A0324\(01\)&rid=10](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22006A0324(01)&rid=10)

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32011D0751>