

**Question for written answer E-002006/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Protection of geographical indications for Mongolian sustainable cashmere

I have been contacted by a firm which has a question concerning protection of geographical indications for Mongolian sustainable cashmere ('Монгол Тогтвортой ноолуур / Mongol Togtvortoi Nooluur').

Regulation (EU) No 1007/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2011 on textile fibre names and related labelling and marking of the fibre composition of textile products states that cashmere may be identified by the name 'cashmere' followed or not by the word 'wool' or 'hair'.

The Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia granted the Mongolian National Federation of Pasture User Groups (MNPUG) protection of geographical indication for its carded sustainable cashmere and other noble fibres in 2020-21.

MNPUG now wishes to apply directly to the Commission for EU PGI protection (or, more correctly, approval) for its national geographical indications, in accordance with WTO reciprocity treaties.

1. Is it possible to apply directly for recognition for Mongolian carded sustainable cashmere?
2. If it is, how can MNPUG apply for recognition?

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