Priority question for written answer P-001646/2023 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Registration of the 'Terre Abruzzesi/Terre d'Abruzzo' designation

On 14 February 2019, the Consortium for the Protection of Abruzzo Wines submitted an application to register the designation 'Terre Abruzzesi/Terre d'Abruzzo' pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and filed the necessary documentation with the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry via the regional department of agriculture.

On 10 November 2022, the Commission took receipt of the application, assigning it reference number PGI - IT - 02874.

After examining the application, the Commission (Directorate F – Outreach, Research and Geographical Indications) found that some additional information was required in order to proceed.

In a note sent on 18 April 2023, the Italian ministry responsible informed the Consortium for the Protection of Abruzzo Wines of the Commission's request for additional information.

On 21 April 2023, under reference number 62, the Consortium forwarded all the requested additional information to the Ministry.

On 18 May 2023, the Ministry sent these additions to the Commission.

In view of the above, can the Commission give a progress update on its assessment of the application, since a delay could be seriously damaging to winegrowers in Abruzzo, given that the start of the 2023 wine season is just around the corner?

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