

Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on  
the protection of geographical indications and designations  
of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs (repealed)

*Article 2*

**Designation of origin and geographical indication**

- 1 For the purpose of this Regulation:
  - a 'designation of origin' means the name of a region, a specific place or, in exceptional cases, a country, used to describe an agricultural product or a foodstuff:
    - originating in that region, specific place or country,
    - the quality or characteristics of which are essentially or exclusively due to a particular geographical environment with its inherent natural and human factors, and
    - the production, processing and preparation of which take place in the defined geographical area;
  - b 'geographical indication' means the name of a region, a specific place or, in exceptional cases, a country, used to describe an agricultural product or a foodstuff:
    - originating in that region, specific place or country, and
    - which possesses a specific quality, reputation or other characteristics attributable to that geographical origin, and
    - the production and/or processing and/or preparation of which take place in the defined geographical area.
- 2 Traditional geographical or non-geographical names designating an agricultural product or a foodstuff which fulfil the conditions referred to in paragraph 1 shall also be considered as designations of origin or geographical indications.
- 3 Notwithstanding paragraph 1(a), certain geographical designations shall be treated as designations of origin where the raw materials for the products concerned come from a geographical area larger than, or different from, the processing area, provided that:
  - a the production area of the raw materials is defined;
  - b special conditions for the production of the raw materials exist; and
  - c there are inspection arrangements to ensure that the conditions referred to in point (b) are adhered to.

The designations in question must have been recognised as designations of origin in the country of origin before 1 May 2004.