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Report Highlights:

India has registered 195 Geographical indicators since 2005, of which about a quarter are agricultural and food items produced in India along with a handful of foreign products that are or could be marketed in India. This report provides a link to the current listing of Indian geographical indicators recognized by the Government of India.

India's Geographical Indicators

India, as a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), in order to comply with its obligations under the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement, enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999, which came into effect on September 15, 2003.

Since the first Indian Geographical Indicator (GI) was registered in 2004, 195 GIs have been registered with the GI Registry of India. Of these, approximately 57 GIs are related to agriculture and manufactured food & beverage products such as tea, coffee, mangoes, oranges, grapes, sweets, and savory snacks. Foreign products from various countries have been accorded GI status under the Indian act. Some of the major foreign GIs include Peruvian Pisco, French Cognac and Champagne, American Napa Valley, Porto and Douro wines from Portugal, Mexican Tequila and Italian Parma.

A complete list of GIs registered to date can be accessed at the following link –

[Geographical Indications Registry](#)