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Report Highlights:

On December 2, 2022, the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) published a notice for public comment on 173 products from the European Union (EU) that are applying for protection as geographic indicator (GI) products. These EU products include wine, beer, spirits, candies, fruits, vegetables, shellfish, cured meats, and fine cheeses, among others. Any objections to the proposed GI protection should be submitted in writing to CNIPA before February 2, 2023. The report contains an unofficial translation of the CNIPA announcement and a list of the 173 EU products.

Summary

On December 2, 2022, the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) announced that it accepted the application of 173 EU products for protection under geographic indicators (GI) ([link](#) in *Chinese*). Any objections to the proposed GI protection should be mailed to CNIPA before February 2, 2023. According to a bilateral agreement on GIs signed between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the EU on September 14, 2020, a total of 175 geographical indicator products from each side will be protected within 4 years (see GAIN report [CH2020-0135](#)).

At the beginning of 2022, CNIPA published its first ever five-year plan (2021-2025) on protection and utilization of GIs. According to the plan, the PRC has signed bilateral agreements on GI protection and cooperation with the EU, France, and Thailand and will actively facilitate the negotiation and consultation on mutual recognition and protection of GIs with more countries (see GAIN report [CH2022-0032](#)).

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Announcement of the China National Intellectual Property Administration on the Acceptance of Inländerrum and other European Union Products to Apply for the Protection of Geographical Indicator Products (No. 506)

December 2, 2023

Announcement of the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

No. 506

In accordance with the Agreement on the Protection and Cooperation of Geographical Indication between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the European Union, Regulations on the Protection of Geographical Indicator Products, and Measures for the Protection of Foreign Geographical Indicator Products, CNIPA has accepted the application of 175 European Union products such as Inländerrum for protection as geographical indicators products. After a formal review, the information about 173 European Union products such as Inländerrum are now published. Two geographical indicator products, including Haut-Médoc and Saint-Estèphe, have already been protected and will not be reviewed.

If relevant organizations or individuals have any objections to the protection of the 173 European Union products such as Inländerrum under China's geographical indications, they may submit a proposal in writing to CNPIA within 2 months upon publication of this announcement. The

application materials shall be kept in the Department of Intellectual Property Protection of the China National Intellectual Property Administration for future reference.

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Annex:

1. [Information on the acceptance and publication of 173 European Union products such as Inländerrum.](#)
2. [List of two European Union geographical indicator products including Haut-Médoc and Saint-Estèphe that have been protected.](#)

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