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« PDO,PGI,TSG in relation to AnGR »

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What is COPA-COGECA ?

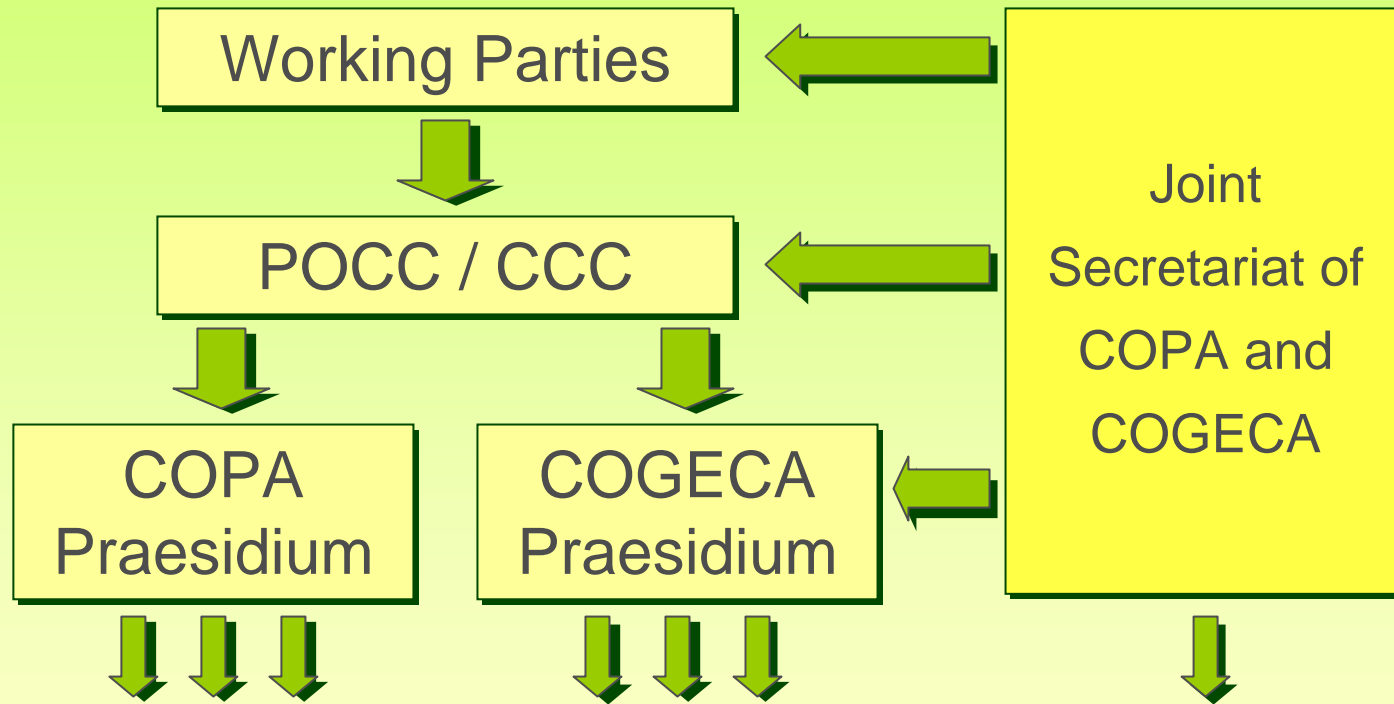
COPA = Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations in the European Union

COGECA = General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives in the European Union

COPA-COGECA represents 15 million people working on EU farm holdings either full-time or part-time

- about 11 million farmers
- and more than 40.000 agricultural cooperatives

- COPA-COGECA has 71 Member Organisations from all 25 EU Member States (including 32 Organisations from the new Member States)



European Commission, Council of Ministers, European Parliament, Permanent Representations, press, etc.

The Praesidium

- Composed of the Presidents of the national Member Organisations (71)
- COPA and COGECA each have a Praesidium, a Presidency and a President:



Rudolf SCHWARZBÖCK (AUT)

Current COPA President



Donal CASHMAN (IRL)

Current COGECA President



Reg. 2081/1992 PDO, PGI

The Regulation applies to the foodstuffs specified in Annex I to the Reg. and to the agricultural products, whether or not processed, listed in Annex II

(wines and spirit drinks are excluded;

included eg fresh meat (and offal), meat based products, cheeses, other products of animal origin (eggs..)



Reg. 2081/1992 PDO, PGI

Definitions: a distinction is made between two classes of names:

protected geographical indication (PGI): meaning the name of a region, specific place or country describing a product originating in that region, specific place or country and possessing a quality or reputation which may be attributed to the geographical environment with its inherent natural and/or human components;

protected designation of origin (PDO): meaning the name of a region, specific place or country referring to a product originating in that region, specific place or country and whose quality or other characteristics are essentially or exclusively due to a particular geographical environment.



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A *PDO (Protected Designation of Origin)* covers the term used to describe foodstuffs which are produced, processed and prepared in a given geographical area using recognized know-how.

In the case of the *PGI (Protected Geographical Indication)* the geographical link must occur in at least one of the stages of production, processing or preparation. Furthermore, the product can benefit from a good reputation.

[A *TSG (Traditional Speciality Guaranteed)* does not refer to the origin but highlights traditional character, either in the composition or means of production.]



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Not possible to register “generic” names

Eg “Feta case” Oct 2005 ECJ ruled that Greece’s registration of “Feta” is ok and that

Feta is NOT generic



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Protection granted: Registered PGIs and PDOs are legally protected against any misuse or false or misleading indication.

Member States may maintain national protection of the names communicated until such time as a Decision on registration has been taken.



PDO, PGI – a succes story..



More than 700 European products registered (Prosciutto di Parma, Tiroler Almkäse, Scotch lamb, Carne Mirandesa etc)

http://europa.eu.int/comm/agriculture/qual/en/1bbaa_en.htm



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Case study: eg Beaufort (french cheese)



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The WTO panel April 2005 : complaint by Australia and US against EC system of protected geographical indications

- 23/12/2005, COM(2005)698
- Registration of GI 's from third countries has to be assured



Traditional Speciality Guaranteed

Only about 15 registrations in EU, eg Belgium beer “Kriek”

No link to geographical area but **traditional character, either in the composition or means of production.**

No intellectual property right

•23/12/2005, COM(2005)694f



promotion of agri.products

Promotion and information measures for the internal market and third countries ([Reg. 2826/2000](#); [Reg. 2702/1999](#))

- Indirect measures (50 percent co-financed by EU)
- Direct measures (100 percent financed by EU)

for products from the “ eligible list” eg olive oil, fruit and vegetables, quality meat, milk products, **PDO, PGI, TSGs**



quality labels

- European Quality Schemes : PDO,PGI, TSG, Organic Farming
 - Quality schemes: National level (... Rural dvpt);
- Producers
- Retail: Business to business; Business to Consumer
- JRC project “food quality assurance and certifications schemes managed within an integrated supply chain”
<http://foodqualityschemes.jrc.es>

Danke für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!

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