

Common regulations
under the Lisbon agreement for the protection of appellations of origin and their
international registration and the Geneva act of the Lisbon agreement on appellations of
origin and geographical indications

(as in force on January 1, 2023)

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Chapter II
Application and International Registration

Rule 7
Entry in the International Register

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(4) *[Implementation of Articles 29(4) and 31(1) of the Geneva Act]*

(a) In case of the ratification of, or accession to, the Geneva Act by a State that is party to the 1967 Act, Rule 5(2) to (4) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with regard to international registrations or appellations of origin effective under the 1967 Act in respect of that State. The International Bureau shall verify with the Competent Authority concerned any modifications to be made, in view of the requirements of Rules 3(1), 5(2) to (4) for the purpose of their registration under the Geneva Act and shall notify international registrations thus effected to all other Contracting Parties that are party to the Geneva Act. Modifications relating to Rule 5(2) shall be subject to payment of the fee specified in Rule 8(1)(ii).

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Rule 8
Fees

(1) *[Amount of Fees]* The International Bureau shall collect the following fees, payable in Swiss francs:

(i)	fee for international registration ³	1 000
(ii)	fee for one modification of an international registration ³ complementary fee for additional modification(s) submitted in the same request	500 300
(iii)	fee for providing an extract from the International Register	150
(iv)	fee for providing an attestation or any other written information concerning the contents of the International Register	100

³ For an international registration referring to a geographical area located in a least developed country (LDC), in accordance with the lists established by the United Nations, the fee is reduced to 50 per cent of the prescribed amount (rounded to the nearest full figure). In such case, the fee will amount to 500 Swiss francs for an international registration referring to a geographical area of origin located in an LDC, to 250 Swiss francs for one modification of an international registration referring to a geographical area of origin located in an LDC, and to 150 Swiss francs for a complementary fee for additional modification(s) submitted in the same request. These fee reductions will apply three years after the entry into force of the Geneva Act.

- (v) individual fees as referred to in paragraph (2).

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Chapter III

Refusal and Other Actions in Respect of International Registration

Rule 9

Refusal

- (1) *[Notification to the International Bureau]*

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(b) The refusal shall be notified within a period of one year from the receipt of the notification of the international registration under Article 5(2) of the 1967 Act or under Article 6(4) of the Geneva Act. In the case of Article 29(4) of the Geneva Act, this time limit may be extended by another year.

(c) Unless demonstrated to the contrary by the Competent Authority referred to in subparagraph (a), the notification of an international registration referred to in subparagraph (b) shall be deemed to have been received by the Competent Authority 20 days after the date indicated in the notification.

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Rule 15

Modifications

- (1) *[Permissible Modifications]* The following modifications may be recorded in the International Register:

(i) a modification of the beneficiaries consisting in the addition or deletion of a beneficiary or some beneficiaries, or a modification of the names or addresses of the beneficiaries or of the natural person or legal entity referred to in Article 5(2)(ii) of the Geneva Act;

(ii) [Deleted]

(iii) a modification of the limits of the geographical area of production or the geographical area of origin of the good or goods to which the appellation of origin, or the geographical indication, applies;

(iv) a modification relating to the legislative or administrative act, the judicial or administrative decision, or the registration referred to in Rule 5(2)(a)(vii);

(v) a modification relating to the Contracting Party of Origin that does not affect the geographical area of production or the geographical area of origin of the good or goods to which the appellation of origin, or the geographical indication, applies.

(vi) [Deleted]

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Rule 16
Renunciation of Protection

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(2) *[Withdrawal of a Renunciation]* (a) Any renunciation, including a renunciation under Rule 6(1)(d), may be withdrawn, in whole or in part, at any time by the Competent Authority of the Contracting Party of Origin or, in the case of Article 5(3) of the Geneva Act, the beneficiaries or the natural person or legal entity referred to in Article 5(2)(ii) of that Act or the Competent Authority of the Contracting Party of Origin, subject to the correction of the irregularity in the case of a renunciation under Rule 6(1)(d).

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