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The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova voted on Friday, May 13, at the second reading, the draft Law amending and supplementing Law No. 66-XVI of 27.03.2008 on the Protection of Geographical Indications, Appellations of Origin and Traditional Specialties Guaranteed.

Adoption of the said draft is of major importance to consolidating and developing the intellectual property system in the Republic of Moldova, of which continuous evolution is correlated with the new economic trends recorded internationally. Moreover, adoption of those changes is a national priority in the context of commitments by the Republic of Moldova as a result of signing of the Association Agreement with the European Union, being included in the national action Plan for implementation of the agreement.

Thus, following the entry into force of the new legislative changes will simplify the procedure for issuance by AGEPI of certificates on the right to use the geographical indication (GI) and appellation of origin (AO) and traditional specialty guaranteed (TSG). The right to use those indications will be obtained by the manufacturer with the authorization issued by the competent authority designated by the Government responsible for the management and control of goods designated with GI, AO and IGT, to demonstrate that the manufacturer meets and complies with the conditions prescribed by the specifications. The certificate on the right to use the GI, AO and TSG will be issued upon request, without paying taxes.

Also, through the said draft, for wines and wine products, has been introduced the derogation on admission of transformation of raw materials into wine with GI and AO beyond the defined geographical area, provided that this possibility is prescribed in the specifications and under the supervision of the competent authority designated by the Government with functions of management and control of products with GI and AO.

In this context, we underline that the new legislative provisions will help to simplify the procedures to be passed through by the local producers, who wish to benefit from the advantages offered by the AO, GI, STG protection system, given that the high and also guaranteed level of product quality is one of the basic requirements of consumers.

Law on the Protection of Geographical Indications, Appellations of Origin and Traditional Specialties Guaranteed will enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova.

AGEPI endeavors to promote products with geographical indications and appellations of origin.

Thus, on May 14, in the framework of the European Village, organized on the occasion of Europe Day in Moldova, AGEPI will participate with a stand at which will be presented local products with geographical indications and appellations of origin. European Village visitors will have the opportunity to taste and even buy Popeasca cheese, rose petal jam of Calarasi, herbal teas of Zabriceni and gooseberry of Marinici.

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