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Protection of wine with geographical indication labels

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Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations

- Department for agriculture, food, forestry and rural development has been established within MoFTER as a nucleus of future state ministry of agriculture
- Law on wine, brandy and other products of grapes and wine (“O.J. BiH” 25/08)



Vinegrowing regions

- Northern Bosnia and Southern Herzegovina
- Southern Herzegovina
- The region has very long wine production tradition, characterized with regionally recognized single variety Zilavka and Blatina wines.



Vineyard acreage and wine grape varieties

- Before the ninetieth war in Bosnia and Herzegovina registered vineyard area was around 5,780 hectares, which decreased to an estimated 3,500 ha in 1999 (FAOSTAT).
- Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin (OIV) statistics keeps 4,000 hectares of vineyards in B&H for the whole period 1996 – 2004.



Legal background

International legislation

- Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration;
- Madrid Agreement for the Repression of False or Deceptive Indication of Source on Goods;
- TRIPS Agreement;
- Council Regulation (EC) 510/2006;
- Commission Regulations (EC) 436/2009, 606/2009 and 607/2009



Legislation in B&H

- Institute of Intellectual Property
- Food Safety Agency
- Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations



Legislation in B&H

Institute of intellectual property

- Law on industrial property (“O.J. B&H” 3/02);
- Law on protection of geographical indication (in Parliament procedure)



Legislation in B&H

Food Safety Agency

- Law on food (“O.J. B&H” 50/04)
- Rulebook on designation of origin and protection of geographical indications of food (“O.J. B&H” 27/10)
- Rulebook on traditional origin of food (“O.J. B&H” 27/10)



Legislation in B&H

Ministry of foreign trade and economic relations

- Law on wine, brandy and other products of grapes and wine (“O.J. B&H” 25/08)
- New Law on wine (in Parliament procedure)



Current situation

- Existing Law on wine (difficulties in implementing, not applicable for the state model)
- Need for amendment provisions of the Law (more than 50%)

Result

- New Law on wine



PGI according to existing Law on wine

- Geographical origin of wine and other products of grapes and wine:
 - Protected geographical indication
 - Recognized geographical origin

- Procedure
 - Based on application manufacturer, MOFTER in cooperation with entities and District of Brcko, and based on opinion of an authorized institution, issue decision on the protection of wine with “PGI”
 - Elaborat



Problems :

- Absence of authorized institutions...
- ... inability to market wines with PGI
- Unenviable position of domestic producers

Possible solutions

- Speed up the adopting procedure of the New Law on Wine which will provide:
 - Clearly defined system in the process of protection of wine with PGI
 - Solved wine market problem



However...

- The successful implementation of the new Law requires a suitable political climate which is necessary in order to avoid the same problems.

That's why...

- B&H is difficult to keep up with always new EU regulations, despite the best will.



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