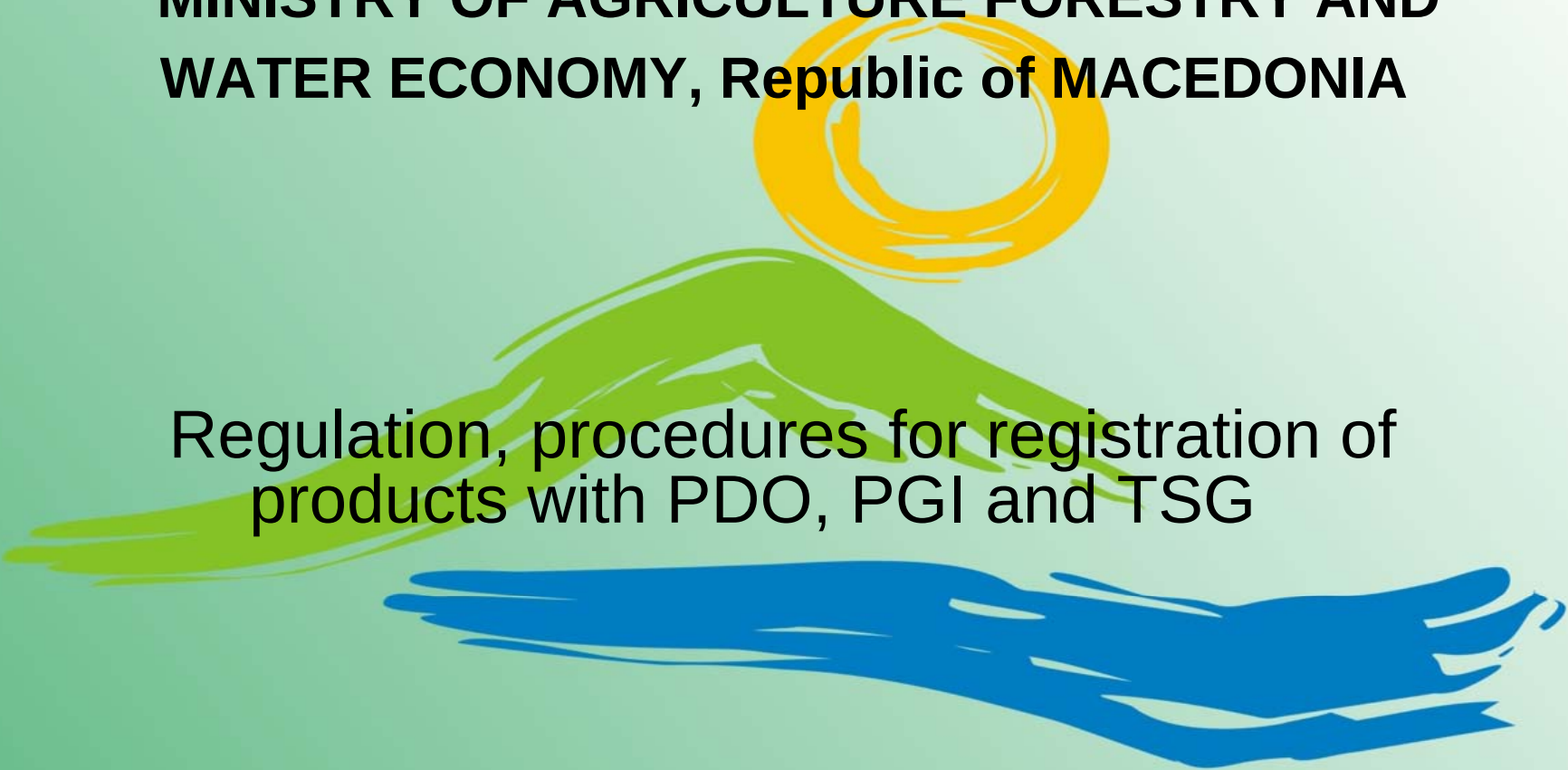


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Regulation, procedures for registration of
products with PDO, PGI and TSG

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I. National legal framework (PDO, PGI and TSG)

- “Law on Industrial Property” in force

Biro of Industrial Property, Ministry of Economy

- “Law on Quality of Agricultural products” in process of adoption

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy

“Law on Industrial Property”

Protection of products with PDO and PGI

Register of Geographical Indications

- **KOCANSKI ORIZ – rice**
- **MALESEVSKO - white cheese**
- **STARO BACILO - white cheese**
- **OD DOMKOVO TRLO - white cheese**
- **ISARSKO - white cheese**
- **TETOVSKI GRAV- bean**
- **OVCEPOLSKI MED - honey**
- **MAKEDONSKI AJVAR - ajvar**

Law on quality of agriculture products

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- As to the legal frame regulating this area, the Law on quality of agriculture products lays down the general parameters of primary agricultural production of several agricultural products, and particularly regulates their marketing standards and marketing, in compliance with the current EU standards.
 - Moreover, this Law regulates the characteristics of the higher value-added farming attributes, primarily through the establishment of the quality schemes and 'quality logos' similar to the EU ones - PDO/PGI and TSG. Currently the Law is in Parliamentary procedure for adoption and is expected to be adopted during the period June/July 2010.

Law on Quality of Agricultural products

- For the purposes of the institutional setup of this system, in 2009, the Unit for Standards and Quality of agricultural products was established within the MAFWE's Agricultural Department, with 4 employees. In addition to this and relating to the activities of legal alignment and introducing the systems for development and protection of quality agriculture.
- Registers of registered names with PDO, PGI and TSG, and registers of users of registered names with PDO, PGI and TSG will be kept by the employees in the Unit for Standards and Quality of agricultural products.

Processes, procedures and responsibilities of the institutions and organizations;

Registration procedure (PDO,PGI and TSG)

Who can apply? „Only group“*-

For what product ? Only for agricultural products and foodstuffs, produced and proceeded by the members of the group.

To whom ? Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water economy.

Checks and control? Many control procedures

If the product complies with product specification? Published on the web site of MAFWE.

Publishing the registered names? If there are no objections, publishing of the registered names in the Official Gazette follows.

Programme for Financial Support of agriculture for 2010

- Within the Programme for Financial Support of agriculture, for the purposes of increase of the added value to the agricultural products and foodstuffs through protection of their quality related to their origin, with ***Protected Designation of Origin*** (PDO) and ***Protected Geographical Indication*** (PGI), or related to their traditional features, with ***Traditional Specialty Guaranteed*** (TSG), several measures are introduced within the programme.

Programme for Financial Support of agriculture for 2010

For the purposes of increasing the number of products protected as designation of origin (PDO), protected geographical indication (PGI) and traditional specialty guaranteed (TSG); the programme includes measures for stimulation of producers, through financial support for:

- compensation of production costs per products with protected designation in the first year of registration, as well as support for production of raw materials used for processed products with protected designation;
- preparation of specifications for protection of geographical indication of certain agricultural products and foodstuffs. This measure will stimulate protection of six agricultural products and foodstuffs with highest potential at the moment: sheep yellow cheese, white sheep cheese, bieno cheese, Macedonian lamb, Skopje's tomato jabucar and Prespa's ajdared;
- control and certification of agricultural products and foodstuffs protected as geographical indication, in the first year of the registration, which covers part of the fees for entering the Register of geographical indications.

Programme for Financial Support of agriculture for 2010

In order to continue with the use of indications of origin and tradition and increase the production of previously protected products, measures for financial support are foreseen toward:

- users of protected geographical indication, after the second year of product registration;
- registration in International Register of protected geographical indications, for the purposes of increasing the acknowledgment of Macedonian products on foreign markets, through fees compensation for international protection in accordance to the Lisbon's agreement; and
- labeling and marking of products protected with PDO, PGI or TSG, through cost reimbursement of the label design and labeling.

Programme for Financial Support of agriculture for 2010

- Finally, in the function of increasing the recognition and transfer of the opportunities of the protection, within the subprogramme, realization of the Promotional Campaign for agricultural products and foodstuffs protected as PDO, PGI or TSG, on local and international markets is foreseen. By the end of 2009, initial activities had been accomplished for preparation of this Campaign, and it already started with the realization in direction of increase the level of knowledge of the beneficiaries (farmers, processing industry as well as the other stakeholders and employees in the public sector dealing with this issue) for the advantages and opportunities for the protection of the agricultural products and foodstuffs protected as PDO, PGI or TSG.
- In function of the realization of this Campaign, and in compliance with the general measures within Program for the support of agriculture in 2010, proposals for design of the national symbols for products protected as geographical indications and traditional specialty guaranteed are going to be prepared.

Thank you for your attention



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