



**PARLIAMENT
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**
Chamber of Deputies
Ondřej Benešík
Chairman
Committee on European Affairs

Prague, 27th June 2022

Dear Ms. President,

I would like to inform you about the opinion of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on of geographical indication protection for craft and industrial products and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754 /Council Code 8205/22, COM(2022)174/

The respective document was included in the agenda of the 12th session of the Committee on European Affairs and was scrutinized on 22th June 2022. According to the Rules of Procedure the Chairman of the Industrial Property Office and the Representative of the Ministry of Industry and Trade were present at the session to introduce the preliminary Government's Framework Position.

After the hearing of the rapporteur's review and after the discussion the Committee has adopted the **Resolution No. 76 in the context of the Political Dialogue** which is enclosed to this letter.

Yours sincerely

Ms. Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Commission
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Resolution No. 76

12th Session on 22 June 2022

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on of geographical indication protection for craft and industrial products and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754 /Council Code 8205/22, COM(2022)174/

Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

1. **takes note of** the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on of geographical indication protection for craft and industrial products and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754;
2. **supports** the Government's Framework Position on this document;
3. **supports** efforts to establish an EU-wide mechanism of geographical indication for craft and industrial products;
4. **welcomes** the adoption of this document as an opportunity to help small and medium enterprises to be motivated to develop new products linked to a specific geographical area;
5. **stresses** that the proper promotion and protection of these products has a positive impact on tourism or on number of jobs (especially in rural areas);
6. **stresses** that the document is fully consistent with the current EU programming priorities, for example in the context of the Industrial Strategy, the Green Agreement for Europe or priorities for the rural areas future;
7. **draws attention** to the fact that at present producers of craft and industrial products in the EU cannot fully benefit from the international framework for the registration and protection of geographical indications enshrined in the Geneva Act on Designations of Origin and Geographical Indications of the World Intellectual Property Organisation, to which the EU has acceded;
8. **points out** that the document will be discussed during the Czech Presidency if the Council of the EU, so the Czech Republic will seek to discuss it as quickly as possible and achieve a general approach;
9. **warns** that some Member States do not know this protection and do not currently have the appropriate administrative apparatus in place, so efforts will need to be made to reduce as much as possible the administrative burden associated with the new regulation;
10. **authorizes** the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs to forward this resolution to the President of the European Commission **in the framework of the political dialogue**.

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