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Excellency,

The Commission is finalising a draft Implementing and draft Delegated Regulation under **Regulation (EU) 2023/2411 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023 on the protection of geographical indications for craft and industrial products** and amending Regulations (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/1753 (CIGI Regulation). The Implementing and the Delegated Regulation will lay down rules necessary for the functioning of the new scheme for geographical indications for craft and industrial products.

Pursuant to Article 68 of the CIGI Regulation, the Commission will be assisted in the preparation of the Implementing Regulation by the **Committee for Craft and Industrial Geographical Indications** in a comitology procedure following the rules applicable to the examination procedure under Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

In the preparation of the Delegated Regulation, the Commission will consult the **Expert Group of Industrial Property Policy (GIPP)**. Member States may decide on the composition of their delegation in the GIPP meetings according to Commission Decision of 20 January 2022. GIPP meetings can have the same composition as the comitology meetings.

The Commission will chair both the comitology and the GIPP meetings. All meetings will be organised in a **hybrid format** and will be held in Albert Borschette Congress Center (Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels). Member States will be requested to inform the Commission whether they would participate physically or online five days prior to the meeting.

Member States are invited to nominate their representative(s). Each Member State may nominate more than one representative and its alternates, indicating who is entitled to vote

in the committee. Member States are also invited to indicate if they wish to replace their appointed representatives in the GIPP by ad hoc experts.

Please send the names, functions and email addresses of the Committee and GIPP representative(s) and alternate(s) to the following email address by **22 May cob**:

For the Committee for Craft and Industrial Geographical Indications:

GROW-CIGI-COMMITTEE@ec.europa.eu

For the GIPP meetings:

GROW-GIPP@ec.europa.eu

Please note that only the nominated representatives will be allowed to participate in the committee meetings. The Commission will **reimburse the travel expenses for one person per Member State** for the Committee and **for one person per Member State for the GIPP meetings**. The **costs of the accommodation are not reimbursed**.

The **GIPP meetings** will be held only **in English**. **Interpretation may be provided in the comitology meetings** depending on the availability of interpreters. Member States are therefore requested to signal their interpretation needs by 22 May.

The dates of the **comitology meetings** are as follows:

- 28 June (10:00-13:00),
- 20 September (10:00-13:00),
- 4 November (10:00-13:00),
- 13 December (10:00-13:00),
- 27 January (10:00-13:00)

The dates of the **GIPP meetings** are as follows:

- 28 June (14:00-17:00),
- 20 September (14:00-17:00),
- 4 November (14:00-17:00),
- 13 December (14:00-17:00),
- 27 January (14:00-17:00)

The agenda and draft rules of procedure of the first comitology and GIPP meeting will be shared with the Member States following the nomination of their representatives.

We are looking forward to the fruitful cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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