

Act LXXX of 2024

amending certain acts in the field of agriculture

(...)

25. Amendment to Act LXVI of 2022 on the protection of origin of agricultural products

Section 136 In Act LXVI of 2022 on the protection of origin of agricultural products (hereinafter: Act on the protection of origin), the following Section 26/A is inserted under heading 12:

“**Section 26/A** (1) With the exception provided for in paragraph (2), the protected geographical indication may only appear on the packaging of an agricultural product which, within the EU, is placed on the market in Hungary first and which bears the trader’s own brand name or trademark, if:

a) the name and address of the operator which produces the product with the geographical indication is indicated on the final sales packaging;

b) the operator which produces the product with the geographical indication is entitled to determine the appearance and name of the agricultural product or the essential content of its labelling; and

c) the operator which produces the agricultural product bearing the geographical indication may sell the product without restriction by any means of his own choice.

(2) Paragraph 1 shall not apply to

a) sales by undertakings operating in the sectors specified in the decree implementing this Act, or

b) agricultural products which are placed on the market in quantities not exceeding 1000 units of packaging.”

Section 137 Section 32(3) of the Act on the protection of origin is replaced by the following:

“(3) The minister shall be authorised to lay down by decree

a) rules to govern the tasks which are performed by the managing bodies and the operation of those managing bodies, and

b) the scope of undertakings according to Section 26/A(2)(a),

c) specific rules relating to the labelling of products which bear a geographical indication.”

Section 138 The following Section 33/B is inserted under heading 18/A of the Act on the protection of origin:

“Section 33/B Agricultural products that fail to meet the provisions of Section 26/A, as established by Act LXXX of 2024 on the amendment of certain acts in the field of agriculture (hereinafter: Act LXXX of 2024), and have been placed on the market before 1 July 2025, may remain on the market even after 1 July 2025.”

Section 139 The following Section 34/A is inserted under heading 19 of the Act on the protection of origin:

“Section 34/A The drafts of Section 26/A, Section 32(3) and Section 33/B, as established by Act LXXX of 2024, have been notified in advance, as stipulated in Articles 5-7 of Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services.”

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31. Final provisions

Section 148 (1) With the exception of paragraphs (2) to (8), this Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2025.

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(6) Section 69(2), Section 72, Section 80, Section 82, heading 15 and heading 25 shall enter into force on 1 July 2025.

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Section 151 The requirement for the prior notification of the draft of heading 25, as stipulated in Articles 5-7 of Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services, has been met.

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