



Approval of a 'non-minor' amendment application

Gower Salt Marsh Lamb: protected designation of origin (PDO)

1. Pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 50(1) of *Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs* ("assimilated *Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012*") (as read with the first subparagraph of Article 53(2) of that Regulation), the Secretary of State has examined the application for the approval of an amendment to the product specification for the Gower Salt Marsh Lamb protected designation of origin submitted under Article 53(1) of the Regulation. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the amendment to change the designated area is justified and meets the requirements of the scheme.

2. Since the amendment in question is 'not minor' within the meaning of Article 53(2) of assimilated *Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012*, the Secretary of State published the amendment application as required by Article 50(2)(a) of that Regulation (as read with the first subparagraph of Article 53(2)).

3. As no admissible reasoned statement of opposition has been received by the Secretary of State under Article 51 of assimilated Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 (as read with the first subparagraph of Article 53(2) of that Regulation), the amendment to the product specification is approved.

4. A 20-day notice period applies before the entry on the register can be updated to take account of the approved amendment.

5. In accordance with Article 14(3) of *Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs* ("assimilated *Regulation (EU) No 668/2014*"), the Secretary of State will update the register to take account of the approved amendment by recording the new data in the register and replacing a copy of the existing product specification with a copy of the updated product specification as soon as possible after the 20-day notice period has expired.

6. Under Article 14(3a) of assimilated *Regulation (EU) No 668/2014*, the updated register entry, and the replacement product specification, will be effective from the date on which the register has been updated and the replacement product specification has been attached to the register.

Appeal against the decision

7. An appeal may be made to the First-tier Tribunal against this decision under Article 54a of assimilated *Regulation 1151/2012* as read with Annex 1B to that Regulation and the 2009 Rules. The appropriate notice to complete is form GRC1, which can be found on the www.gov.uk website.

8. Rule 22(2) of the 2009 Rules specifies what the notice of appeal must include. This includes the name and address of the respondent (rule 22(2)(d) of the 2009 Rules).

9. The name of the respondent is the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. This should be included in section 4.1 of the form (regulator's details).

10. The address given in section 4.2 of the form should be that of the Government Legal Service, whose postal address is:

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11. In section 4.3 of the form, under contact details, you should provide the following service email address of the Government Legal Department:

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12. In accordance with rule 22(3) of the 2009 Rules, an appeal against the decision to which this notice relates must include a copy of this notice.

13. An appeal must be made by sending or delivering a notice of appeal to the Tribunal so that it is received by the Tribunal before 5 p.m. on Thursday 5 September 2024.

Interpretation

14. In this Decision:

- a. "the 2009 Rules" means the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (General Regulatory Chamber) Rules 2009 (S.I. 2009/1976), as amended.
- b. "assimilated Regulation 1151/2012" means Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, as amended;
- c. "assimilated Regulation 668/2014" means Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 of 13 June 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, as amended;

d. “the register” means the register referred to in paragraph 4 established and maintained under Article 11 of assimilated Regulation 1151/2012.