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of the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee under the Strategic Partnership,
Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland and the Republic of Moldova of 18 July 2025 on the amendments to
Annexes XIII-C and XIII-D on geographical indications

London and Chisinau, 18 July 2025

[The Decision entered into force 25 July 2025]

*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
by Command of His Majesty
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DECISION No 1/2025 OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP, TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

of 18 July 2025

on the amendments to Annexes XIII-C and XIII-D on geographical indications

THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Strategic Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Moldova¹, and in particular Articles 276(4)(b) and 268(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement entered into force on 31st July 2023.
- (2) Within the framework of the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland² and the Republic of Moldova³ proposed names from the United Kingdom and from the Republic of Moldova respectively to be protected as geographical indications⁴ under the Agreement and be added in Annexes XIII-C and XIII-D to the Agreement.
- (3) Article 276(4)(b) of the Agreement provides that the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee shall be responsible for amending Annexes XIII-C and XIII-D to the Agreement as regards geographical indications.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 276(3) of the Agreement, the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee must adopt its decisions by consensus.
- (5) Following the request of the Parties and pursuant to Article 268(1) of the Agreement, the United Kingdom has completed the opposition procedure and the examination of 10 additional GIs of the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Moldova has completed the opposition procedure and the examination of 11 additional GIs of the United Kingdom.
- (6) The United Kingdom has requested that the entry relating to “Scottish Farmed Salmon” be omitted from the list in Annex XIII-C to the Agreement and an entry relating to “Scottish Salmon” be included in that list instead following the change of name of that protected GI under the relevant United Kingdom Government GI scheme and the Republic of Moldova has

¹ Hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”

² Hereinafter referred to as “the United Kingdom”

³ The United Kingdom and the Republic of Moldova hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Parties”

⁴ Hereinafter referred to as “GIs”

published the amended information regarding that amended name and completed the relevant procedures.

- (7) For the purpose of clarification, the United Kingdom has requested that the entries relating to “White Stilton cheese / Blue Stilton cheese”, “Kentish ale and Kentish strong ale”, “Gloucestershire cider/perry”, “Herefordshire cider/perry” and “Worcestershire cider/perry” (each of which cover two GI names and not one) be omitted from the list in Annex XIII-C to the Agreement and separate entries relating to “Blue Stilton Cheese”, “Gloucestershire Cider”, “Gloucestershire Perry”, “Herefordshire Cider”, “Herefordshire Perry”, “Kentish Ale”, “Kentish Strong Ale”, “White Stilton Cheese”, “Worcestershire Cider” and “Worcestershire Perry” be included in that list instead.
- (8) Consensus having been reached by the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee about the amendments of the relevant GIs lists in Annex XIII to the Agreement, Annexes XIII-C and XIII-D to the Agreement should be amended as provided for by this Decision.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Annexes XIII-C and XIII-D to the Agreement are amended as follows:
2. In Annex XIII-C:
 - (a) in the first table relating to UK GIs:
 - (i) omit the rows relating to:
 - (aa) Scottish Farmed Salmon;
 - (bb) White Stilton cheese / Blue Stilton cheese;
 - (cc) Kentish ale and Kentish strong ale;
 - (dd) Gloucestershire cider/perry;
 - (ee) Herefordshire cider/perry;
 - (ff) Worcestershire cider/perry;
 - (ii) at the end insert the additional rows in Annex 1;
 - (b) in the second table relating to Moldovan GIs, at the end insert the additional rows in Annex 2.
3. In Annex XIII-D:
 - (a) in Part A:
 - (i) in the first table relating to UK GIs, at the end insert the additional rows in Annex 3;
 - (ii) in the second table relating to Moldovan GIs, at the end insert the additional row in Annex 4;
 - (b) in Part B;

- (i) in the first table relating to UK GIs, at the end insert the additional row in Annex 5;
- (ii) in the second table relating to Moldovan GIs, at the end insert the additional row in Annex 6.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 25 July 2025.

Done in duplicate, in the English and Romanian languages, both texts being equally authentic, at London and Chisinau, on 18 July 2025.

For the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee

The United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland, Co-chair

The Republic of Moldova,
Co-chair

ANNEX 1

Additional rows to be inserted in the first table in Annex XIII-C to the Agreement

UK	Arbroath Smokies	Fresh fish, molluscs, and crustaceans and products derived therefrom
UK	Blue Stilton Cheese	Cheeses
UK	Cambrian Mountains Lamb	Fresh meat (and offal)
UK	Gloucestershire Cider	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.)
UK	Gloucestershire Perry	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.)
UK	Gower Salt Marsh Lamb	Fresh meat (and offal)
UK	Herefordshire Cider	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.)
UK	Herefordshire Perry	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.)
UK	Kentish Ale	Beers
UK	Kentish Strong Ale	Beers
UK	New Forest Pannage Ham	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.)
UK	Scottish Salmon	Fresh fish, molluscs, and crustaceans and products derived therefrom
UK	Traditional Welsh Caerphilly/Traditional Welsh Caerffili	Cheeses
UK	Traditional Welsh Cider	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.)
UK	Traditional Welsh Perry	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.)
UK	Welsh Leeks	Fruit, vegetables and cereals fresh or processed
UK	White Stilton Cheese	Cheeses
UK	Worcestershire Cider	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.)
UK	Worcestershire Perry	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.)

ANNEX 2

Additional rows to be inserted in the second table in Annex XIII-C to the Agreement

MD	Agriș de Marinici	Fruit, vegetables and cereals fresh or processed
MD	Brânză de Măgura	Cheeses
MD	Brânză de Popeasca	Cheeses
MD	Kurma de Bugeac	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.)
MD	Miere din Codrii Moldovei	Other products of animal origin (honey)
MD	Pistil de Valea Răutului	Fruit, vegetables and cereals fresh or processed
MD	Prune deosebite de Lalova	Fruit, vegetables and cereals fresh or processed
MD	Zăbriceni	Other products of Annex I of the Treaty (spices etc.)

ANNEX 3

Additional rows to be inserted in the first table in Part A of Annex XIII-D to the Agreement

UK	Darnibole	Wine with a protected designation of origin (PDO)
UK	Sussex Wine	Wine with a protected designation of origin (PDO)

ANNEX 4

Additional row to be inserted in the second table in Part A of Annex XIII-D to the Agreement

MD	Dealul Craveț	Wine with a protected designation of origin (PDO)
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ANNEX 5

Additional row to be inserted in the first table in Part B of Annex XIII-D to the Agreement

UK	Single Malt Welsh Whisky	Whisky/ Whiskey
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ANNEX 6

Additional row to be inserted in the second table in Part B of Annex XIII-D to the Agreement

MD	Digestiv Nistreni	Liqueur
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