

NOTICE

Published under Article 52(4) of assimilated 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 assimilated into UK law ("assimilated Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012") and Article 7(1) of assimilated Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 664/2014 of 18 December 2013 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the establishment of the Union symbols for protected designations of origin, protected geographical indications and traditional specialities guaranteed and with regard to certain rules on sourcing, certain procedural rules and certain additional transitional rules ("assimilated Regulation (EU) No 664/2014")

Notice is given that, pursuant to Article 52(1) of assimilated Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 and Article 7(1) of assimilated Regulation (EU) No 664/2014, the Secretary of State has decided to reject the application submitted by WildFish in respect of "Scottish Salmon", a Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) under the UK Government's quality scheme for agricultural products and foodstuffs.

Reason for the decision

The Secretary of State has determined that WildFish do not have the legitimate interest required under Article 54(1)(a) of assimilated Regulation 1151/2012 to request cancellation of the PGI "**Scottish Salmon**" as WildFish failed to satisfactorily demonstrate its legitimate interest in its cancellation request.

In addition, the Secretary of State has scrutinised the application on its merits and finds that the grounds relied upon are unfounded. The application claimed that "Scottish Salmon" is a generic term. However, "Scottish Salmon" retains a reputation directly linked to Scotland's aquaculture practices, environmental conditions, and regulatory standards. The product specification demonstrates that the qualities and reputation of "Scottish Salmon" are essentially attributable to its geographical origin. Accordingly, the name is not generic, and the PGI continues to meet the requirements of assimilated Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012.

For these reasons, the application is rejected.

Appeal against the decision

An appeal against the Secretary of State's decision can be made to the First-tier Tribunal in accordance with Article 54a of assimilated Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, as read with Annex IB to that Regulation, and Rule 22 of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (General Regulatory Chamber) Rules 2009 (S.I. 2009/1976) (the 2009 Rules"). The appropriate notice to complete is form GRC1, which can be found on the www.gov.uk website.

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).

The name of the respondent is the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. .

The address of the respondent is that of the Government Legal Service, whose postal address is:

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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.

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 **04 November 2025** (Rules 12, 22(1) and 22(6)(h) of the 2009 Rules).