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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 207(4) in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part[(1)] ('the Agreement') was concluded by the Union by Council Decision (EU) 2015/2169[(2)]. The Agreement entered into force on 13 December 2015.

(2) Article 15.3(1) of the Agreement establishes the Working Group on Geographical Indications, under the auspices of the Trade Committee established by Article 15.1(1) of the Agreement.

(3) Pursuant to Article 15(4) of the rules of procedure of the Trade Committee, adopted by Decision No 1 of the EU-Korea Trade Committee[(3)], each Working Group may establish its own rules of procedure which shall be reported to the Trade Committee.

(4) Rules of procedure of the Working Group on Geographical Indications should be established.

(5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Working Group on Geographical Indications with regard to its rules of procedure, as these rules will be binding on the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Working Group on Geographical Indications as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure shall be based on the draft Decision of that Working Group attached to this Decision.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/845. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 17 May 2019.

For the Council

The President

E.O. TEODOROVICI

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/845. (See end of Document for details)*

DECISION No 1/2019 OF THE EU-KOREA WORKING GROUP ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

of …

concerning the adoption of its rules of procedure

THE EU-KOREA WORKING GROUP ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS,

Having regard to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part[(4)] ('the Agreement'),

Having regard to Decision No 1 of the EU-Korea Trade Committee of 23 December 2011 on the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Trade Committee [2013/110/EU][(5)], and in particular Article 15.4 of the Annex thereto,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 15.4 of the rules of procedure of the Trade Committee, adopted by Decision No 1 of the EU-Korea Trade Committee, each Specialised Committee and Working Group may establish its own rules of procedure which shall be reported to the Trade Committee.

(2) Rules of procedure of the Working Group on Geographical Indications should be established,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The rules of procedure of the Working Group on Geographical Indications, as set out in the Annex, are hereby adopted.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at …,

For the Working Group on Geographical Indications

Team Leader

Head of Unit

Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea

Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission

Co-chair of the Working Group on Geographical Indications

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Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/845. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

Article 1

Composition and Chair

1 The Working Group on Geographical Indications ('the GI Working Group') established pursuant to Article 15.3.1(g) of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part ('the Agreement') shall perform its duties as provided for in Article 10.25 of the Agreement.

2 The GI Working Group shall be composed of representatives of the Republic of Korea ('Korea') on the one hand, and representatives of the European Union, on the other hand.

3 Pursuant to Article 15.3.3 of the Agreement, the GI Working Group shall be co-chaired by representatives of Korea and the European Union.

4 Each co-chair may delegate all or any of the functions of co-chair to a nominated deputy, in which case all references hereafter to the co-chair shall apply equally to the nominated deputy.

5 Each co-chair shall designate a contact point for all matters relating to the GI Working Group. Those contact points shall be jointly responsible for the secretarial duties of the GI Working Group.

Article 2

Meetings

Pursuant to Article 10.25.2 of the Agreement, the location of the meeting shall alternate between the Parties. The GI Working Group shall meet at a time and a place and in a manner which may include by videoconference, mutually agreed by the Parties, but not later than 90 days after the request by either Party.

Article 3

Correspondence

1 Correspondence to the Chairpersons of the GI Working Group shall be forwarded to the contact points for circulation to the members of the GI Working Group.

2 Correspondence may be by any written means, including electronic mail.

3 Pursuant to Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Trade Committee, the Trade Committee shall be informed of the contact points designated by the GI Working Group. All correspondence, documents and communications including the exchange of e-mails between the contact points of the GI Working Group regarding the implementation of the Agreement shall be forwarded simultaneously to the Secretariat of the Trade Committee, the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Korea and the Mission of the Republic of Korea to the European Union.