



## Geographical indication and electronic traceability – opportunities and challenges

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#### GI, an intellectual property right

- The GI is a specific, distinctive intellectual property right (Section 3).
  - Copyright and related rights.
  - Trade marks.
  - Geographical Indications.
  - Industrial designs.
  - Patents.
  - Plant Varieties protection
  - Etc.
- It is an intellectual property right recognised in over 150 countries (WTO TRIPS Agreement)
- It is a collective right of use.

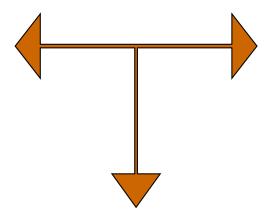
### GI: Relations between the product, the producers and the production area



PRODUCTION AREA

(Due to natural conditions, the product is different from the ones produced in different regions)

its quality







PRODUCERS' KNOW-HOW

(GI product are generally traditional product, with a connection to the local wisdom and heritage).

### Product with a specific name and reputation

(The consumers make a direct connection between the origin of the product and its quality)

#### **GI** specifications

- Name: the name of the product, including the GI
- <u>Description</u>: raw materials to be used, key physical (shape; color, weight; etc.); chemical (minimum fat content, maximum water content, etc.); biological or microbiological characteristics, etc.
- Geographical Area: the definition of the geographical area covered
- <u>Proof of Origin</u>: traceability (evidence that the product originates in that area)
- Method of Production: a description of the method of obtaining the product or/and the authentic and unvarying local methods (as well as information concerning the packaging in origin if important for the product),
- <u>Link</u>: the effect of geographical environmental or other local conditions on the quality of the product should be emphasized
- <u>Control system</u>: details of the organisation/body in charge of the control system and system of control of the specifications
- <u>Labeling</u> (for the recognition by consumers): the specific labeling details relating to the GI



#### GI System, a global perspective



# Setting up the system first challenges

- Dedicated Legislation.
- Commitment on the part of groupings of sector professionals (producers, traders, etc.), association of consumers as well as local authorities.
- Joint definition of mandatory product specifications ("book of requirements").
- Gls verified and approved by the authorities.

### The experience of South East Asia

#### GI legal framework

#### GI Legislations:

- Malaysia: Geographical Indications Act 2000 (Act 602) and Geographical Indications Regulations 2001
- Indonesia: Chapter VII of the Law on Marks (Law n15/2001 on Marks) and Government Regulation No. 51/2007 regarding Geographical Indications signed by the President on 4 September 2007
- Thailand: Act on Protection of Geographical Indication in 2003(B.E.2546)
- <u>Vietnam</u>: the Intellectual Property Law No. 50/2005/QH11 enacted in nov.2005 and entered into force since 1 July 2006 replacing protection given by various texts

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