



Geographical Indications KOSOVO

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MEANS OF PROTECTION FOR GIs

1. EX Officio

2. EX Parte

Kosovo has chosen the Sui Generis protection system – there is a specific Law on Geographical Indications and Designation of Origin

PGI – PDI - TSG

Legal Framework

- **Primary Legislation**

- Law on Geographical Indications and Designations of Origin

- **Secondary Legislation**

- Administration Instruction on the Registration Procedure of Geographical Indications and Designations of Origin
- Administrative Instructions on the administrative fees for the industrial property applications
- Administrative Instructions on the signs of the Geographical Indications and Designations of Origin

- **To do be done:**

- Administrative Instruction on determining the geographical area
 - Administration Instruction on controlling of product specifications
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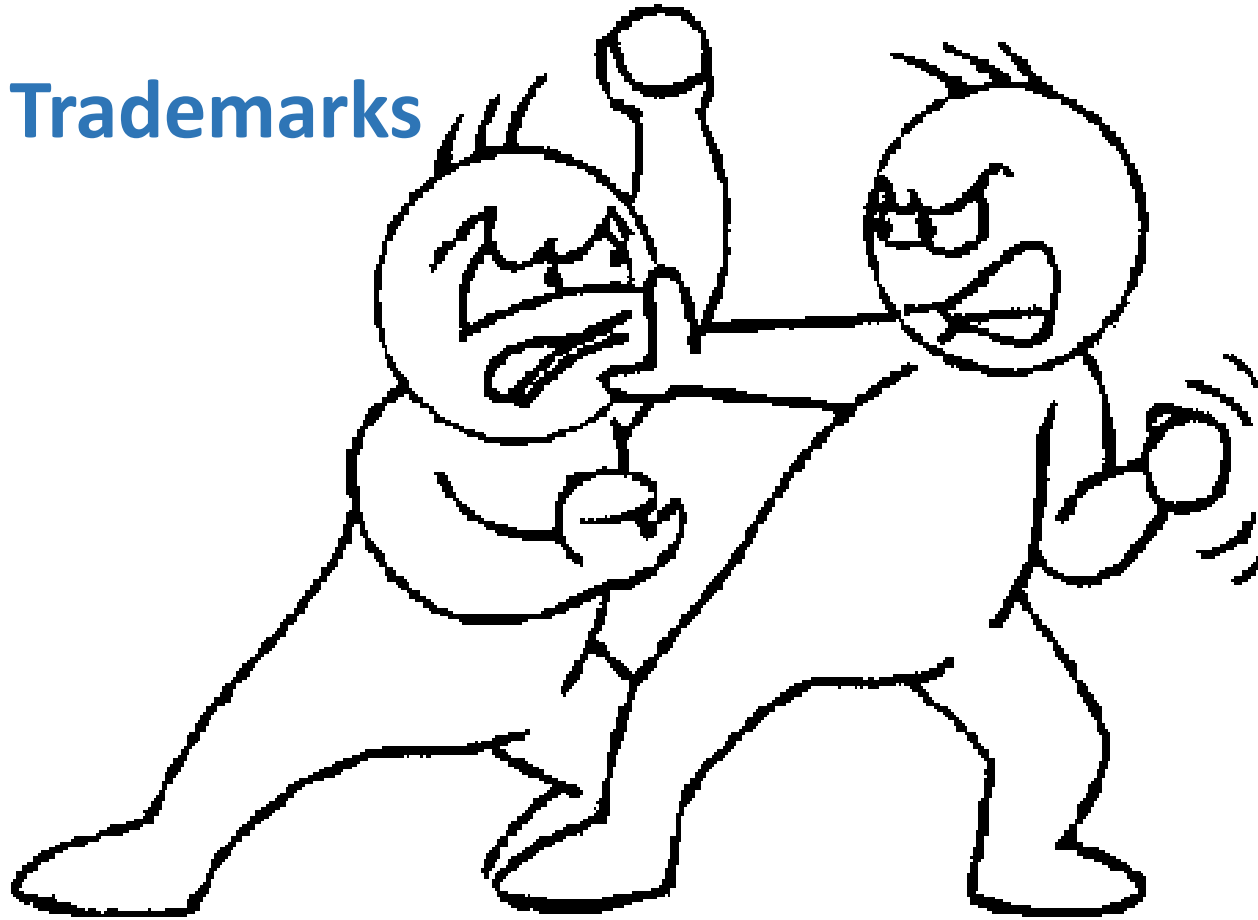
Term of Protection [Art. 15](#)

- 10 year
- Renew each 10 years
- Unlimited



GIs vs Trademarks [Art. 13](#)

Trademarks



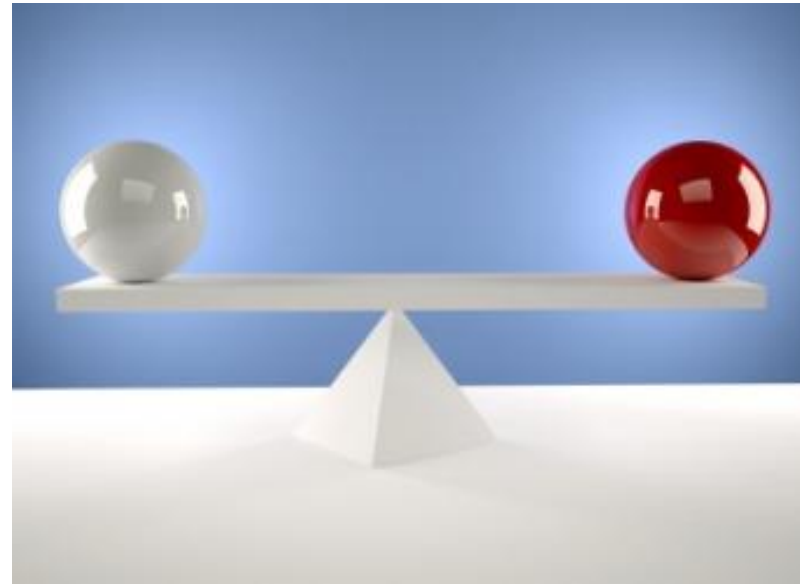
**Geographical
Indications**

Applications

- Any group of producers working on the same product
- One physical person or legal person under the condition that he is the only producer in the certain area at the time of the application
- Description of the product
- Geographical area determined
- Description of the link between the product and the geographical origin
- Product specifications
- Payment of fees



Institutional Framework



Geographical Indications System in Kosovo

Registration
Authority

Industrial Property
Agency

Certification
Authority

Ministry of Agriculture,
Forestry and Rural
Development

Controlling
Authority

Food and Veterinary
Agency

Implementation



**Where are
we now?**

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- **One single GI Applications** (*France*)

BUT



Possible GIs

- Wines
- Birra Peja
- Sharri Cheese
- Flija
- Water:
 - Rugova
 - Miros
 - Ujmir



Sharri Cheese - PDO

1. Association is established - up to 27 members (farmers)
2. Product Specifications to be finalized
3. Geographical Area to be determined



International Aspects

Kosovo is neither a signatory party of any of the international Agreement/Conventions nor is a Member of any of the International and/or Regional organizations

International Aspects

- Stabilization and Association Agreement
 - International Treaties & Conventions
 - International and Regional Organizations
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Follow up – to get done:

- Legal Framework to be completed
 - Administrative Instruction on determining the geographical area
 - Administration Instruction on controlling of product specifications
 - Group of Expert to be established in accordance with the GI Law
 - Geographical Areas of potentially GIs to be defined
 - The role of the controlling authority to be set out
 - A national GI Strategy to be considered
 - Awareness campaigns to be conducted
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