Gls Protection: International Scenario





Summary

I. Introduction

II. International convergence on a high standard of protection

III. Remaining challenges

I. oriGIn – the global alliance of GIs

































Some figures

- i. 8.708 GIs currently recognized/registered in national jurisdictions (oriGIn worldwide GIs compilation)
- ii. Sectors: agricultural products (cheese, fruits, vegetables, coffee, ...), wines, spirits, non-agricultural products (handicraft)
- iii. "Sui generis" systems (large majority): EU, Brazil, Russia, China, India, ASEAN countries, OAPI, Morocco, Switzerland, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Canada, New Zeeland (wines), ...
- iv. Some 200 bilateral agreements

Gls rational

- Preservation of tradition, quality & common heritage
- "Capturing" premium price
- Better distribution of value added along value chains
- Prevent rural exodus
- Provide opportunities in unfavoured areas
- Spill over effects (tourism, etc.)

Key success factors for GIs

- A. Quality linked to a geographical environment
- B. Strong system for protection & enforcement
- C. Collective approach
- D. Controls

Emerging issues related to sustainability





II. International convergence



Proliferation of bilateral agreements covering GIs









The WIPO Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement



The WIPO Geneva Act: Objectives

Modernize the Lisbon Agreement

- Attract a large number of contracting parties
- Establish a truly international Gls registry

The WIPO Geneva Act (I)

- Introduces GIs under the treaty scope of application (art. 2), previously limited to AO
- Provides a solid the level of protection (strengthened compared to the Lisbon Agreement) for both GIs and AO (art. 11)
- Keep the principle of one unique application made through WIPO – following which contracting parties have one year to analyze it and give or refuse protection (art. 5)

The WIPO Geneva Act (II)

- Clarifies the relations with prior trademark rights, in line with international norms and jurisprudence (art. 13)
- Gives the possibility to intergovernmental organizations to become contracting parties (art. 28.1.iii)
- Introduces more flexibility in terms of filing applications (groups and beneficiaries are now allowed to file an international application under certain circumstances, art. 5.3) and fees, which make the Geneva Act a treaty attractive for a variety of legal systems and traditions

The WIPO Geneva Act (III)

- With the EU accession in February 2020, it entered into force
- Current Member States: Albania, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, North Korea, EU, Ghana, Lao, Oman, Samoa and Switzerland
- Interest by a raising number of WIPO Member States

III. Remaining challenges







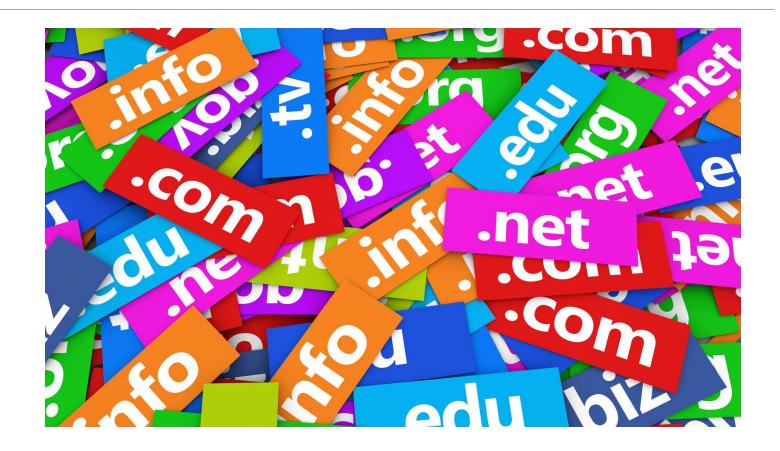
i. Trademarks applications in conflict with GIs



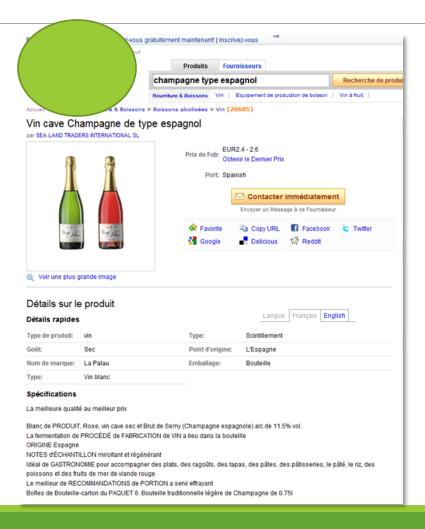
ii. Gls used as ingredients



iii. Legal certainty on the Internet



Counterfeing, infringments in online platforms



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- First level domain after the dot: ".com" (gTLDs) or ".br" (ccTLDs)
- Second level domain: "origingi" (first come, first served principle)



iv. International cooperation

- Support to Gls groups
- Establishment of control systems

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