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GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT 2014  
(ACT 19 OF 2014)

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS  
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 84 of the Geographical Indications Act 2014, the Minister for Law makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Geographical Indications (Amendment) Rules 2021 and come into operation on 1 October 2021.

**Amendment of rule 9**

2. Rule 9(2) of the Geographical Indications Rules 2019 (G.N. No. S 125/2019) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by deleting the words “or these Rules authorise or require” and substituting the words “authorises or requires”.

**Amendment of rule 10**

3. Rule 10(1) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “whose address is given” and substituting the words “indicated by the address”.

**Amendment of rule 24**

4. Rule 24(1) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the word “receipt” in sub-paragraph (b) and substituting the word “date”.

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**Deletion and substitution of rule 59**

5. Rule 59 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

**“Certificate of validity of contested registration**

**59.**—(1) This rule applies where the Registrar or the Court has given a certificate under section 76(1) of the Act that a geographical indication is found to be validly registered in any proceedings before the Registrar or the Court, as the case may be.

(2) If the certificate is given by the Court, the registrant of the geographical indication may file a written request with the Registrar to add to the entry of the geographical indication in the register a note that the certificate has been given in the course of the proceedings, and a copy of the certificate must be filed together with the written request.

(3) The Registrar must, on receipt of the request mentioned in paragraph (2) and the copy of the certificate, add the note to the entry of the geographical indication in the register.

(4) If the certificate is given by the Registrar, the Registrar must add to the entry of the geographical indication in the register a note that such certificate has been given in the course of the proceedings.”.

**Amendment of rule 62**

6. Rule 62(1) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “one month after” and substituting the words “one month before”.

**Amendment of rule 79**

7. Rule 79(1) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “within one month” and substituting the words “within 6 weeks”.

**Amendment of rule 81**

8. Rule 81 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to any taxation of costs of a registrant of a geographical indication who is entitled under section 76(2) of the Act to be indemnified as to the registrant’s costs as between solicitor and client.”.

**Deletion and substitution of rule 82**

9. Rule 82 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

**“Certificate of taxation**

82. When a bill of costs has been taxed, the Registrar must make the Registrar’s certificate for the amount of the taxed costs.”.

**Amendment of First Schedule**

10. The First Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by deleting items 21 and 36.

**Amendment of Second Schedule**

11. The Second Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by deleting the item relating to Form No. GI16.

**Amendment of Third Schedule**

12. Item 10 of the Third Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “and obtaining the Registrar’s certificate or order”.

**Saving and transitional provision**

13. Despite rule 7, rule 79(1) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before 1 October 2021 continues to apply to or in relation to any award of costs made before that date by the Registrar.

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