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Report Name: China and the EU Signed a Geographical Indications Agreement

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Report Highlights:

On September 14, 2020, China and the European Union signed a bilateral agreement on geographical indications (GIs). The agreement protects 100 European GIs in China and 100 Chinese GIs in the European Union. The agreement is expected to enter into force at the beginning of 2021. Within four years after its entry into force, the scope of the agreement will expand to cover an additional 175 GIs from each side.

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Within four years after its entry into force, the scope of the agreement will expand to cover 175 additional GIs from each side. The lists of the additional 175 protected GIs are available in Annexes V and VI of the agreement: <http://images.mofcom.gov.cn/tfs/202009/20200918163349821.pdf>. The 175 additional protected GIs for the EU include wines, spirits, cheeses, and meat products (primarily ham). The additional 175 GIs for each side will have to follow the same approval procedure as for the first 100 GIs per side covered by the agreement. This procedure is provided in Article 3 of the agreement.

Attachments:

No Attachments.