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CARIFORUM - EU Economic Partnership Agreement**

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Directives for the negotiation of an agreement on geographical indications between the European Union and CARIFORUM States

1. The Commission may enter into negotiations with CARIFORUM States with a view to concluding a balanced agreement on the protection of geographical indications that protects EU interests and takes account of the developing country status of the CARIFORUM States.
2. Subject of negotiation is the protection of Geographical Indications (Gis) of agricultural and fishery products, foodstuffs, wines, spirits and other alcoholic beverages in the respective territories of the parties to the agreement.
3. Non agricultural products are not covered by these directives.
4. The Commission shall conduct these negotiations on the basis of these negotiating directives, taking into account in particular the principles and mechanisms of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the obligations arising from WTO rules.