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**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Assembly of the
Lisbon Special Union**

ANNEX
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
to the
Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of
Origin and Their International Registration and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon
Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications

as recommended by the WIPO Working Group for the Development of the Lisbon System for adoption by the Lisbon Union in the framework of the WIPO General Assemblies 2025:

1) In the heading, “as in force on December 8, 2021” is replaced by “as in force on July 1, 2026”.

2) In Rule 1 (1) (Abbreviated Expressions), subparagraph (vi) is replaced by the following:

“ “Official Form” means a form drawn up by the International Bureau or an electronic interface made available by the International Bureau on the website of the Organization;”

3) Rule 8 (9) (Change in the Amount of Fees) is replaced by the following:

“(a) Where the amount of the fees payable in respect of an application referred to in Rule 5(2)(c) is changed between the date of filing the application and the date of payment, the fee that was valid on the first date shall be applicable.

(b) Where the amount of the fees payable in respect of a request for entry of a modification referred to in Rule 15(2)(a) is changed between the date on which the request was presented and the date of payment, the fee that was valid on the first date shall be applicable.

(c) Where the amount of the fees to be paid in relation to a modification or as an individual fee, in the case referred to in Rule 7(4)(a) and (d), is changed between the date of entry into force of the Geneva Act with respect to a State that is party to the 1967 Act and the date of payment, the fee that was valid on the first date shall be applicable.

(d) Where the amount of any fee other than the fees referred to in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) is changed, the amount valid on the date on which the fee was received by the International Bureau shall be applicable.”

4) In Rule 15, paragraph (1) (Permissible Modifications), the following points are added:

“(vii) a modification relating to the appellation of origin or the geographical indication;

(viii) a modification relating to the good or goods to which the appellation of origin or the geographical indication applies;

(ix) a modification relating to the particulars as referred to in Rule 5(3)(a) or the information referred to in Rule 5(6)(a)(vi).”

5) In Rule 15, the following new paragraph (5) is added:

“(5) (a) Where the modification concerns the appellation of origin or the geographical indication, or the good or goods to which the appellation of origin or the geographical indication applies, the Competent Authority of a Contracting Party has the right to declare that it cannot ensure the protection of the appellation of origin or geographical indication because of the modification. The declaration shall be addressed to the International Bureau by such Competent Authority within a period of one year from the date of receipt of the notification by the International Bureau of the modification. Rules 9 to 12 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) Where the modification concerns the particulars as referred to in Rule 5(3)(a), the Competent Authority of a Contracting Party that has made the notification under Rule 5(3), has the right to declare that it cannot ensure the protection of the appellation of origin or geographical indication because of the modification. The declaration shall be addressed to the International Bureau by such Competent Authority within a period of one year from the date of receipt of the notification by the International Bureau of the modification. Rules 9 to 12 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.”

Rule 18 (4), first sentence (Application of Rules 9 to 12) is replaced by the following:

“Where the correction of an error concerns the appellation of origin or the geographical indication, or the good or goods to which the appellation of origin or the geographical indication applies, the Competent Authority of a Contracting Party has the right to declare that it cannot ensure the protection of the appellation of origin or geographical indication because of the correction.”