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THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS REGULATIONS, 2006


PART 1

PRELIMINARY

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Geographical Indications Regulations, 2006.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Act" means the Trade Marks Act, 2003;

"published" includes publication on the Internet;

3. The fees to be paid in respect of matters arising under the Act or these Regulations shall be those specified in Schedule 1.

4. (1) The forms referred to in these Regulations are those set out in Schedule 2; and

(2) A requirement under these Regulations to use such a form is satisfied by the use either of a replica of that form or of a form which is acceptable to the Registrar and contains the information required by the corresponding form set out in that Schedule.

(3) Documents required or authorized by the Act or these Regulations to be sent to the Registrar may be transmitted by telefaximile or electronic mail, and the date of application shall be the date of transmission, provided that the original of the document so transmitted is filed with the Registrar within one month of such transmission.

5. Applications shall be in the English language, and any document forming part of an application or submitted to the Registrar pursuant to the Act or these Regulations and which is in a language other than English shall be accompanied by an English translation.
6. (1) Names of natural persons shall be indicated by the person’s family name and given name(s), the family name being indicated before the given name(s); the names of legal entities shall be indicated by their full, official designations.

(2) Addresses shall be indicated in such a way as to satisfy the customary requirements for prompt postal delivery at the indicated address and, in any case, shall consist of all the relevant administrative units, including the house number, if any; addresses shall also indicate telephone numbers.

(3) Nationality shall be indicated by the name of the State of which a person is a national; legal entities shall indicate the name of the State under whose laws they are constituted and their Registered Office.

(4) Residence shall be indicated by the name of the State of which a person is a resident.

7. (1) A document purporting to be signed for or on behalf of a partnership shall contain the names of all the partners in full and shall be signed by all the or by any partner qualified to sign, stating that he signs on behalf of the partnership, or by any other person who satisfies the registrar that he is authorized to sign the document.

(2) A document purporting to be signed for or on behalf of a body corporate shall be signed by a director or by the secretary or other principal officer of the body corporate, or by any other person who satisfies the Registrar that he is authorized to sign the document and shall bear seal of the body corporate.

(3) A document purporting to be signed for or on behalf of an association of persons may be signed by any person who satisfies the Registrar that he is duly authorized.

(4) The Registrar may, whenever he deems it necessary, request evidence of authorization to sign.

8. (1) The appointment of an agent shall be by an authorization of agent which shall be signed by the applicant or, if there are more than one, by each applicant.

(2) The authorization of agent may be filed together with the application or within two months from its filing date and if the appointment is not thus made and is not in accordance with section 8(3) of the Act and subregulation (1) any procedural steps taken by the agent, other than the filing of the application, shall be deemed not to have been taken.

(3) A local attorney at law or agent admitted to represent clients before Intellectual Property Office may be appointed as an agent.

(4) An agent who is not a local attorney at law shall apply to the Registrar to be registered as an agent admitted to represent clients before Intellectual Property Office.

PART 2

REGISTRATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

9. The application for the registration of a geographical indication shall be made on Form No. 1 and shall be signed by the applicant or authorized agent.

10. (1) The application may be withdrawn in writing to the Registrar and signed by each applicant or authorized agent.

(2) The application fee shall not be refunded if the application is withdrawn.

11. (1) Upon receipt, the Registrar shall mark on each document making up the application, the actual date of receipt and the application number consisting of the letters AG, slant, the letters GH, slant, the numbers of the year in which the initial papers were received, slant, and a number allotted in the sequential order in which applications are received and where any corrections or other later filed documents are received on different dates, the Registrar shall also mark their actual date of receipt in the appropriate place of the request for registration of the geographical indication.

(2) The application number allotted under subregulation (1) shall be quoted in all subsequent communications concerning the application.

12. (1) If, upon examination in accordance with section 10(1) of the Act, the Registrar objects to the application for registration of a geographical indication, he shall notify the applicant in writing of his objections with all the relevant
notify the applicant, requesting him to pay the publication fee within one month from the date of the notification.

(2) If the publication fee referred to in subregulation (1) is paid within the time limit prescribed, the Registrar shall proceed to publish the application setting out—

(a) the geographical indication for which registration is sought;

(b) the name, address and nationality of the natural person or legal entity filing the application, and the capacity in which the applicant is applying for registration;

(c) the name and address of the agent, if any;

(d) the address for service if an agent has not been appointed in accordance with section 8(3) of the Act and regulation 8;

(e) the demarcation of the geographical area to which the geographical indication applies;

(f) the goods for which the geographical indication is used;

(g) the quality, reputation or other characteristic of the goods for which the geographical indication is used, and any conditions under which the indication may be used;

(h) the filing date and number of the application.

(3) If the publication fee referred to in subregulation (1) is not paid within the time limit prescribed, the application shall be considered withdrawn.

15. (1) The notice of opposition, under section 10(3) of the Act shall be given within three months from the date of the publication referred to in regulation 14(2), on Form No. 2, together with payment of the prescribed fee and accompanied by supporting evidence, if any.
(2) The counter-statement referred to in section 10(3) of the Act shall be subject to payment of the prescribed fee and shall be given within three months from the date the notice of opposition is sent to the applicant and shall be in writing, stating the grounds upon which the applicant relies for his application and accompanied by supporting evidence, if any.

(3) The request for a hearing under section 10(5) of the Act shall be made to the Registrar in writing at any time after the filing of the notice of opposition but not later than one month after the expiry of the prescribed period for filing the counter-statement, and the Registrar shall give the parties at least one month's written notice of the date set for the hearing, and each party shall, within that period pay the prescribed fee for the hearing.

(4) Where the opponent or the applicant does not reside or carry on business in Antigua and Barbuda, the Registrar may require him to give security for the costs of the opposition proceedings for such amount as the Registrar thinks fit.

(5) Where the Registrar decides to register the geographical indication, as provided in section 10(6) of the Act, he shall notify the opponent, if any, and the applicant in writing stating the reasons for his decision and, in the case of the applicant, requesting him to pay the registration fee within one month from the date of the notification.

(6) Where the Registrar decides to refuse to register the geographical indication, as provided in section 10(6) of the Act, he shall notify the opponent and the applicant in writing, stating the reasons for his decision.

16. (1) Subject to the payment of the registration fee within the period prescribed in regulation 15(5), the Registrar shall register the geographical indication in accordance with section 10(6) of the Act and this regulation.

(2) The registration of the geographical indication shall include—

(a) the geographical indication registered;

(b) the demarcation of the geographical area to which the geographical indication applies;

(c) the name and address of the natural person or legal entity in which name the indication is registered;

(d) the name and address of the agent, if any;

(e) the address for service if an agent has not been appointed in accordance with section 8(3) of the Act and regulation 8;

(f) the goods for which the geographical indication is used;

(g) the quality, reputation or other characteristic of the goods for which the geographical indication is used and any conditions under which the indication may be used; and

(h) the filing date and number of the application as well as the date of registration.

(3) The publication of the reference to the registration of a geographical indication shall contain the particulars specified in subregulation (2).

(4) The certificate of registration of the geographical indication shall be issued on Form No. 3.

17. (1) The publication referred to in section 12(2)(b) of the Act shall—

(a) identify the geographical indication by setting out the particulars referred to in regulation 16(2);

(b) identify the person or authority which has applied for the cancellation or rectification of the registration of the geographical indication by setting out the name and address of the person or authority and of the representative or agent, if any; and
specify the period within which the persons having the right to use the geographical indication under section 11 of the Act may apply to join in the proceedings.

(2) The period to be specified by the Court under section 12(3) of the Act shall not be less than one month from the date of the notice or publication, as the case may be.

(3) Where the Court notifies the Registrar under section 12(4) of the Act, that a decision has been taken to cancel or rectify the registration of the geographical indication, the Registrar shall, as the case may be, cancel the registration or rectify it in accordance with and in the manner specified in the Court’s decision.

(4) The publication, under section 12(4) of the Act, of the reference to the cancellation or rectification of the registration of a geographical indication shall—

(a) identify the geographical indication by setting out the particulars referred to in regulation 16(2);
(b) indicate that the registration of the geographical indication has been cancelled or rectified, as the case may be, and, if rectified, specify the manner in which the registration has been so rectified; and
(c) cite the court decision by which the registration of the geographical indication has been cancelled or rectified.

18. Particulars of geographical indications and other proceedings under the Act and any other information required to be published under the Act or these Regulations shall be published, in accordance with the direction of the Registrar, in at least one periodical.

PART III

SPECIAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKS

19. (1) The request, under section 17 of the Act, to refuse or to invalidate the registration of a misleading mark shall be made on Form No. 4 and shall be subject to the payment of the prescribed fee and the procedure set out in regulation 15 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

(2) Where the Registrar on his own motion decides to refuse or invalidate the registration of a mark pursuant to section 17 of the Act, he shall, in writing, so notify the registered proprietor of the mark, stating the reasons for his decision and giving him at least one month to submit a counter-statement and to request a hearing.

(3) If a hearing is requested, the Registrar shall give the registered proprietor at least one month’s written notice of the date set for the hearing, and the registered proprietor shall, within that period, pay the prescribed fee for the hearing.

(4) The Registrar shall notify the registered proprietor in writing of his final decision, stating the reasons therefor.

20. (1) The request, under section 18 of the Act, to refuse or to invalidate the registration of a mark which conflicts with a geographical indication for wines and spirits shall be made on Form No. 5 and shall be subject to the payment of a prescribed fee and the procedure set out in regulation 15 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

(2) Where the Registrar on his own motion decides to refuse or invalidate the registration of a mark pursuant to section 18 of the Act, he shall, in writing, so notify the registered proprietor of the mark stating the reasons for his decision and giving him at least one month to submit a counter-statement and to request a hearing.

(3) If a hearing is requested the Registrar shall give the registered proprietor at least one month’s written notice of the date set for the hearing and the registered proprietor shall within that period pay the prescribed fee for the hearing.

(4) The Registrar shall notify the registered proprietor in writing of his final decision stating the reasons therefor.

21. (1) The Registrar shall record and publish a reference to the invalidation of the registration of a mark pursuant to section 17 or 18 of the Act.

(2) The publication of the reference to the invalidation of the registration of the mark pursuant to section 17 or 18 of the Act shall include—

(a) the representation of the mark;
(b) the registration number of the mark;
(c) the name and address of the registered proprietor;
(d) the date of registration;
(e) the list of goods and services in respect of which the mark was registered with an indication of the corresponding class or classes of the International Classification; and
(f) an indication of the grounds on which the registration of the mark has been invalidated.

PART 4

GENERAL

Address for service.

22. There shall be furnished to the Registrar—

(a) by every applicant for the registration of a geographical indication an address for service in Antigua and Barbuda for the purpose of the application, and

(b) by every person (including the applicant for, or the owner of, a geographical indication concerned in any proceedings to which any of these Regulations relate) an address for service in Antigua and Barbuda;

and the address so furnished or, where another address (being an address in Antigua and Barbuda) has been furnished in place thereof, that address shall be treated for the purposes of that application or those proceedings, as appropriate, as the address of that applicant or, as the case may be, of that person.

Excluded days.

23. When the last day for doing any act or taking any proceeding falls on a day when the Intellectual Property Office is not open to the public for business, it shall be lawful to do the act or to take the proceeding on the day when the Office is next open for business.

24. Consultation of the registers shall be subject to payment of the prescribed fee; requests for certified copies of extracts from a register or for copies of documents shall be made to the Registrar in writing and shall be subject to payment of the prescribed fee.

25. Corrections of errors, under section 14 of the Act, may be made by the Registrar upon receipt of a request in writing and subject to such terms as he may consider appropriate, or on his own initiative; corrections made shall be communicated in writing to all interested persons, and, where considered necessary, shall be published by the Registrar.

26. (1) Before exercising adversely to any person any discretionary power given to the Registrar by the Act or these Regulations, the Registrar shall notify such person, in writing, of the opportunity to be heard thereon, and indicating a time limit, which shall not be less than one month, for filing a request for a hearing;

(2) The request for a hearing shall be in writing and shall be subject to payment of the prescribed fee; and

(3) Upon receiving such request, the Registrar shall give the person applying, and any other interested persons, at least two weeks' notice, in writing, of the date and time of the hearing.

27. (1) Any notice, application or other document sent to the Registrar by mail shall be deemed to have been given, made or filed at the time when it would be delivered in the ordinary course of the mail and in proving such sending, it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing such notice, application or other document was properly addressed and sent by registered mail.

(2) Subregulation (1) does not apply to the accordance of the filing date.

28. (1) Where under these Regulations evidence may be filed, it shall be by statutory declaration or affidavit.

(2) The Registrar may, if he thinks fit, in any particular case, take oral evidence in lieu of or in addition to such evidence and shall allow any witness to be cross-examined on his affidavit or declaration.
29. The request for an extension of time, referred to in section 14(2) of the Act, shall be subject to the payment of the prescribed fee.

30. At any stage of any proceedings before the Registrar, he may direct that such documents, information or evidence as he may require be furnished within such period of time as he may fix.

31. Any irregularity in procedure before the Registrar may be rectified, on such terms as he may direct.

32. Where, under these Regulations, any person is to do any act or thing, or any document or evidence is required to be produced or filed, and it is shown to the satisfaction of the Registrar that from any reasonable cause that person is unable to do that act or thing, or that that document or evidence cannot be produced or filed, the Registrar may, upon the production of such evidence and subject to such terms as he thinks fit, dispense with the doing of any such act or thing, or the production or filing of such document or evidence.

33. (1) Any statutory declaration or affidavit filed under the Act or these Regulations shall be made before any officer authorized by law in any part of Antigua and Barbuda to administer an oath for the purpose of any legal proceedings; and

(2) Statutory declarations or affidavits made outside Antigua and Barbuda shall be made before a Consul or Notary Public.

34. Where no provision is made in the Act or these Regulations in respect of any matter arising in the administration of the Act, the Registrar may give such directions in respect thereof as he considers necessary in the circumstances.

35. Particulars of geographical indications and other information required to be published under the Act or these Regulations shall be published in accordance with the directions of the Registrar.

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**SCHEDULE I**
(Regulation 3)

**FEES**

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SCHEDULE 2
(Regulation 4)
FORMS

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Form No. 1 (Regulation 9)

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

For Official Use
Date of Receipt by Intellectual Property Office: (Office's Stamp)

APPLICATION No:
Fees received on:
Applicant's or Agent's File Reference:

To: The Registrar
Intellectual Property Office
Antigua and Barbuda

THE APPLICANT(S) REQUEST(S) THE REGISTRATION OF A GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

1. APPLICANT(S)*

Additional information is contained in the supplemental box

Name(s):
Address(es):
Nationality:

Country of residence or principal place of business:
Capacity in which applicant is applying for registration:

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II. AGENT

The following agent has been appointed by the applicant(s) in the authorisation of agent accompanying this Form to be filed within one month from the filing of this Form

Name:
Address:

III. GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

The geographical indication for which registration is sought is the following:

IV. GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The following is the demarcation of the territory of the country, or region, or locality in that territory, to which the geographical indication applies, and from which the goods for which the geographical indication is used originate:

Additional information, possible in graphic form, maps, etc,

☐ accompanies this Form
☐ is contained in the supplemental box
V. GOODS

The goods for which the geographical indication is used are the following:

VI. QUALITY, REPUTATION OR OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

The quality, reputation or other characteristics of the goods for which the geographical indication is used, and any conditions under which the indication may be used, are the following:

☐ Additional information is contained in the supplemental box

☐ Additional information accompanies this Form

VII. FEES

☐ accompany this Form

VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL BOX*

* Use this box if any of the boxes is not large enough to contain information to be furnished. Indicate the boxes continued in this box by their Roman numerals and title (e.g., "Il. APPLICANT(S) (continued)").

IX. SIGNATURE(S)............................................. Applicant(s)**.............................................

(Date)
III. GROUNDS FOR OPPOSITION:

The Grounds for opposition are as follows:

☐ Additional information is contained in the supplemental box

☐ Supporting evidence accompanies this form

IV. AGENT

The following agent has been appointed by the applicant(s) in the authorisation of agent accompanying this Form to be filed within one month from the filing of this Form:

Name:
Address:
Telephone
Facsimile
Email

V. FEES

☐ accompany this Form
VI. SUPPLEMENTAL BOX*

VII. SIGNATURE(S).................................. Opponent(s)/Agent**........................................

(Date)

* Use this box if any of the boxes is not large enough to contain information to be furnished. Indicate the boxes continued in this box by their Roman numerals and title (e.g., "II. APPLICANT(S) (continued)").

** Type name(s) under signature and delete whichever does not apply.
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Form No. 4 (Regulation 19)

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT

REQUEST TO REFUSE OR INVALIDATE REGISTRATION OF MISLEADING MARK

For Official Use
Request received on:
Fees received on:
Applicant's or Agent's File Reference:

To: The Registrar
Intellectual Property Office
Antigua and Barbuda

1. IN THE MATTER OF:

Application for Registration/Registration No.* of Mark:
Filing/Registration*

Date:
Application/Registration* Published in the periodical

(NO.) (Page) (Date)

11. APPLICANT(S)**

Name(s):
Address(es):

Address for service in Antigua and Barbuda:

☐ Additional information is contained in the supplemental box

111. GROUNDS FOR REQUEST

The Grounds for request to refuse or to invalidate the registration of the above identified mark are as follows:

☐ Additional information is contained in the supplemental box

☐ Supporting evidence accompanies this form

IV. AGENT

The following agent has been appointed by the applicant(s) in the authorisation of agent accompanying this Form to be filed within one month from the filing of this Form

Name:
Address:
Telephone Facsimile Email

V. FEES

☐ accompany this Form

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL BOX*

VII. SIGNATURE(S).......................... Applicant(s)/Agent**..........................

(Date)

* Use this box if any of the boxes is not large enough to contain information to be furnished. Indicate the boxes continued in this box by their Roman numerals and title (e.g., "II. APPLICANT(S) (continued)").

** Type name(s) under signature and delete whichever does not apply.
III. GROUNDS FOR REQUEST:

The grounds for request to refuse or to invalidate the registration of the above identified mark are as follows:

☐ Additional information is contained in the supplemental box

☐ Supporting evidence accompanies this form

IV. AGENT

The following agent has been appointed by the applicant(s) in the authorisation of agent accompanying this Form to be filed within one month from the filing of this Form:

Name:

Address:

Telephone   Facsimile   Email

V. FEES

☐ accompany this Form

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL BOX*

VII. SIGNATURE(S) .................................................. Applicant(s)/Agent** .................................................. (Date)

* Use this box if any of the boxes is not large enough to contain information to be furnished. Indicate the boxes continued in this box by their Roman numerals and title (e.g., "II. APPLICANT(S) (continued)").

** Type name(s) under signature and delete whichever does not apply.
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Form No 6

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT

AUTHORISATION OF AGENT

For Official Use

Received on:

To: The Registrar
Antigua and Barbuda

I. APPOINTMENT

The undersigned hereby appoints as his representative the person identified in item 3, below.

II. NAME OF THE PERSON MAKING THE APPOINTMENT

III. REPRESENTATIVE

Name:

Address:

Telephone Facsimile Email

IV. APPLICATION(S) AND/OR REGISTRATION(S) CONCERNED

This authorisation of agent concerns:

☐ the following application(s) and/or registration(s):

☐ If the spaces are not sufficient, check this box and provide the information on an additional sheet.

V. SIGNATURE OR SEAL

Name of the natural person who signs or whose seal is used:

Date of signature or of sealing:

Signature or seal:

VI. ADDITIONAL SHEETS AND ATTACHMENTS

☐ Check this box if additional sheets and/or attachments are enclosed and indicate the total number of such sheets and/or attachments:
Form No. 7
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

For Official Use
Received on:

To: The Registrar

I. IN THE MATTER OF:

Industrial Design No
Date registered
Date application filed
Title of design

II. REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

I/We _____________________________
(name(s) and address(es))

the owner(s) of the application for registration of an industrial design or the registered design identified above wish to have recorded a change in name/address to

(name(s) and address(es))

The prescribed fee of $__________ for registering the change of name/address is submitted herewith.

III. SIGNATURES

(Applicant/Agent) _______________ (Date) _______________

Made this 18th day of September, 2006.

Colin V.A. Derrick,
Minister of Justice.