

Organization for an International Geographical Indications Network

Workshop on the Fight Against Counterfeit Goods in Southeast Asia

Issues and Challenges for EU Producers Related to IPRs Enforcement Online



Summary

I. oriGIn

II. Internet: Opportunities & Challenges for GIs in terms of enforcement

III. Some conclusions



oriGIn - The global alliance of GIs (600 members from 40 countries)

oriGIn is the global alliance of GI groups and institutions dedicated to:

- Campaigning for robust GI protection in national laws and international treaties; and
- Promoting a model of managing value chains which is poised to respond to the emerging economic, social and environmental challenges.













GIs latest trends at the global level

- Global concept: Some 20,000 GIs recognized worldwide
- A robust IPR in national jurisdictions
- Bilateral treaties

- Multilateral agreements (WIPO Geneva Act)
- Interest of GIs in sustainable development policies



















GIs latest trends at the global level

 Reputation / commercial success = counterfeiting and infringements (offline & <u>online</u>)

 Need to follow up on GI registrations with the creation of effective groups and controls









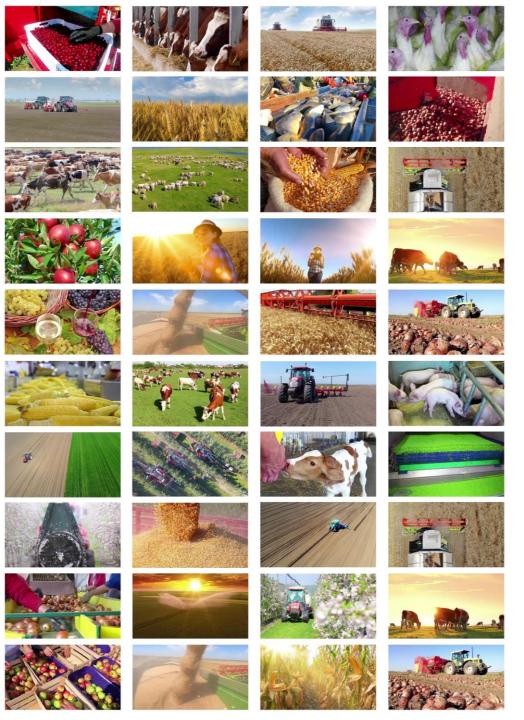








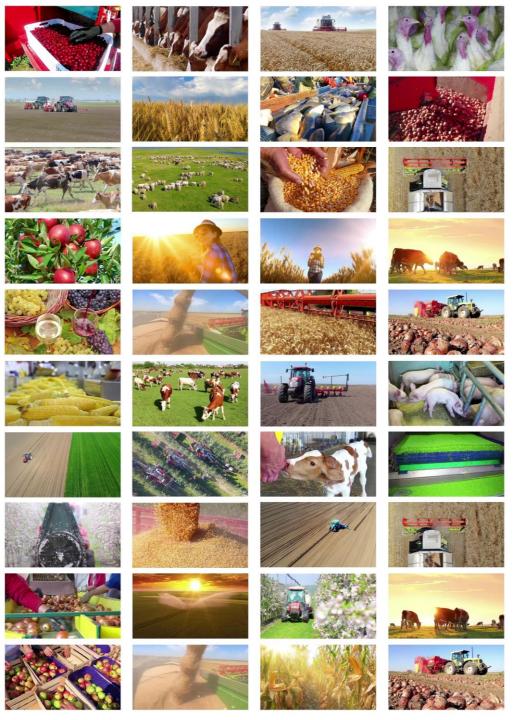




Internet: opportunities for Gls

- Alibaba
- JD.com
- Pinduoduo
- Amazon (Whole Foods)
- Walmart
- eBay
- Rakuten

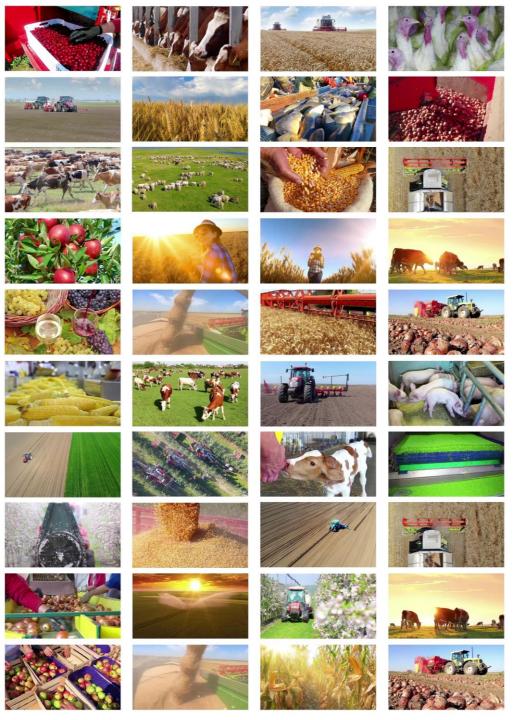




eMarketer Trends, Forecasts, Statistics

- Aisa is the largest ecommerce market in the world
- In 2025: online retail sales will represent between 15% and 20% of the overall worldwide sales of the food and drink industry





With opportunities... challenges

- Monitoring
- Counterfeiting and other infringements on Internet Market players and other ecommerce platforms
- "Cybersquatting" (Internet Domain Names)













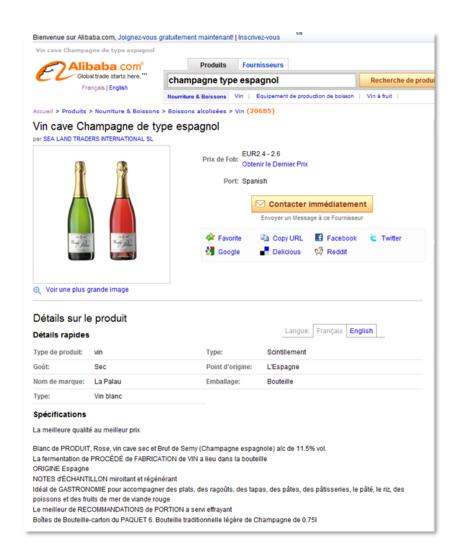


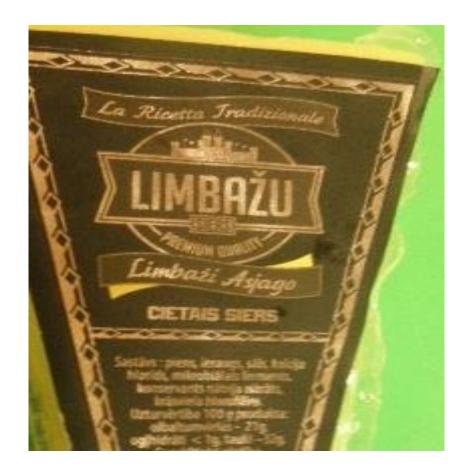


























































Parmigiano Reggiano Italian Parmesan Cheese - Buy Italian Cheese Proc























IPRs protection mechanisms/programs of Internet Market Players



























Internet Domain Names (www.origin-gi.com)

- "www." (world wide web)
- First level domain after the dot: ".com" (gTLDs) or ".cn" (ccTLDs)
- Second level domain: "origin-gi" (first come, first served principle)























"Cybersquatting"

- Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy: finalized within ICANN & implemented by centers around the world (including the WIPO one)
- Rule 3.b.vii (TM is the only valid title to active the UDRP)
- CIVC v. Steven Vickers (WIPO Case, No. DCO2011-0026)



















Internet Domain Names

- Traditional gTLDs (.com, .coop, .info, .org, .pro, ...) until
 2012
- More than 1.000 gTLDs (.bank, .food., .wine, .coffee, .organic, ...) were authorized by ICANN in 2012
- This increased dramatically the risks of "cybersquatting"















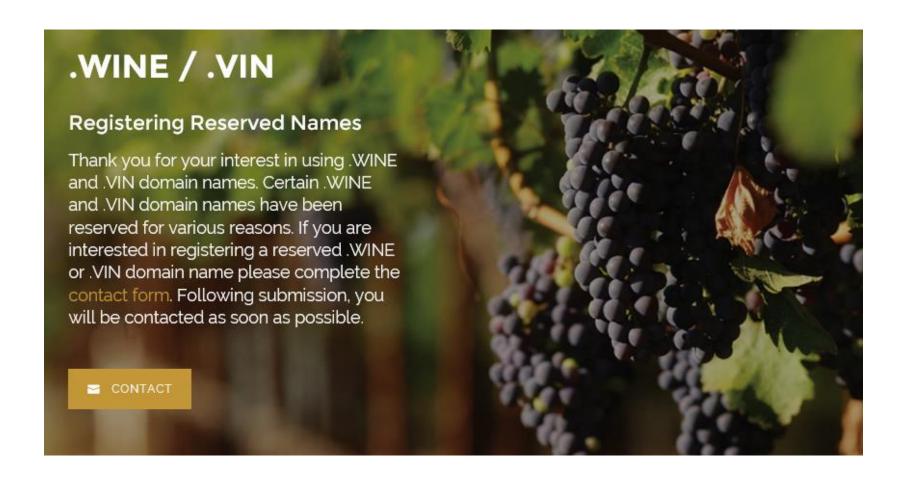








Risks of "Cybersquatting"





















Reg. (EU) 2024/1153 on wines, spirits & agri Gls

- similar approach in Reg. (EU) 2023/2411 on craft & ind. GIs

- Art. 35: Protection of geographical indication in domain names
- Art. 42: Verification of the use of geographical indications in the market and enforcement
- Art. 43: Obligations of providers in the online market



















Some conclusions

- Online monitoring & enforcement is a major challenge for GI groups, especially for small entities
- Need of support by public authorities
- Interesting path by the Regulation (EU) 2024/1153



















Many thanks!

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