

# The Hungarian GI policy

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# The legal development of the protection of GIs in Hungary

- Membership in the Lisbon Agreement
- Legal harmonisation
  - Council regulation 2081/92/EEC
  - TRIPS Agreement (1994)
  - WIPO draft Treaty
  - Models to follow
- Law No. XI of 1997 on the protection of trademarks and geographical indications (TM Act)

# The legal development of the protection of GIs in Hungary

- Amendment of TM Act (2003)
- Government Decree No. 78/2004 (IV. 19.)
- Accession to the European Union (2004)
- 2081/92/EEC – directly applicable
- Commission regulation 918/2004/EC
- New Council regulation (510/2006/EC) and further amendments of the Hungarian national law

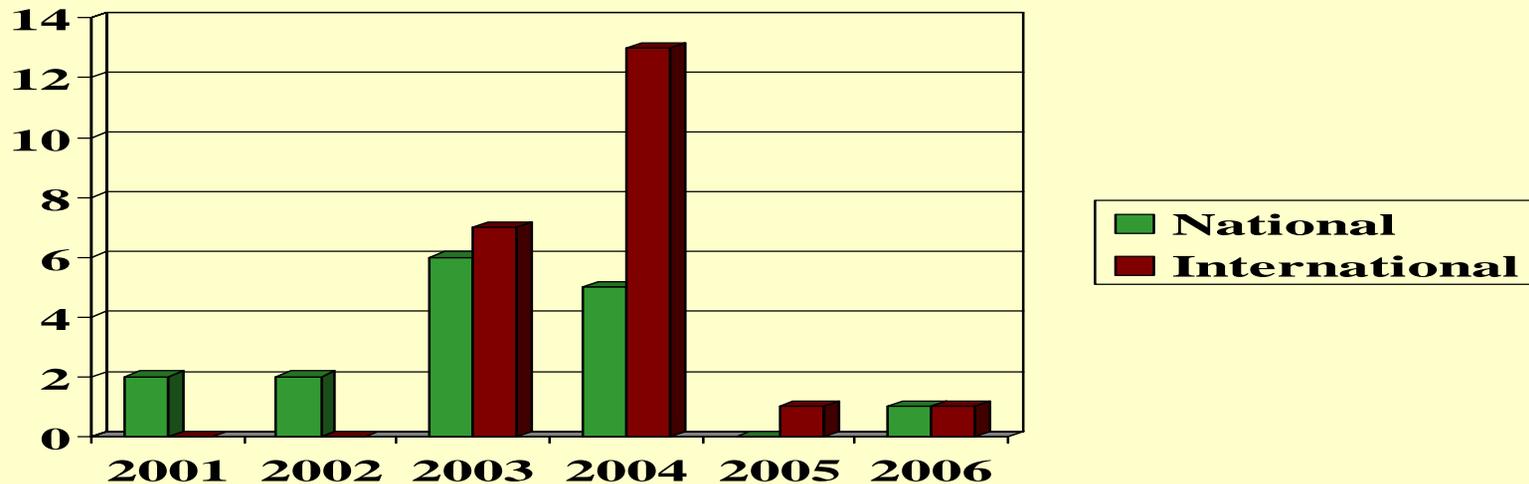
# Basic features of the Hungarian system of protection

- Chapters XVI-XVII. of The TM Act
- Two definitions: PDO and PGI (all kind of products are eligible for protection)
- Collective entitlement to use
- Rights conferred
- The protection is unlimited in time
- Granting procedure, responsible authorities
- Community and Lisbon interface rules in Chapters XVII/A. and XVII/B.

# Practical aspects – registered GIs

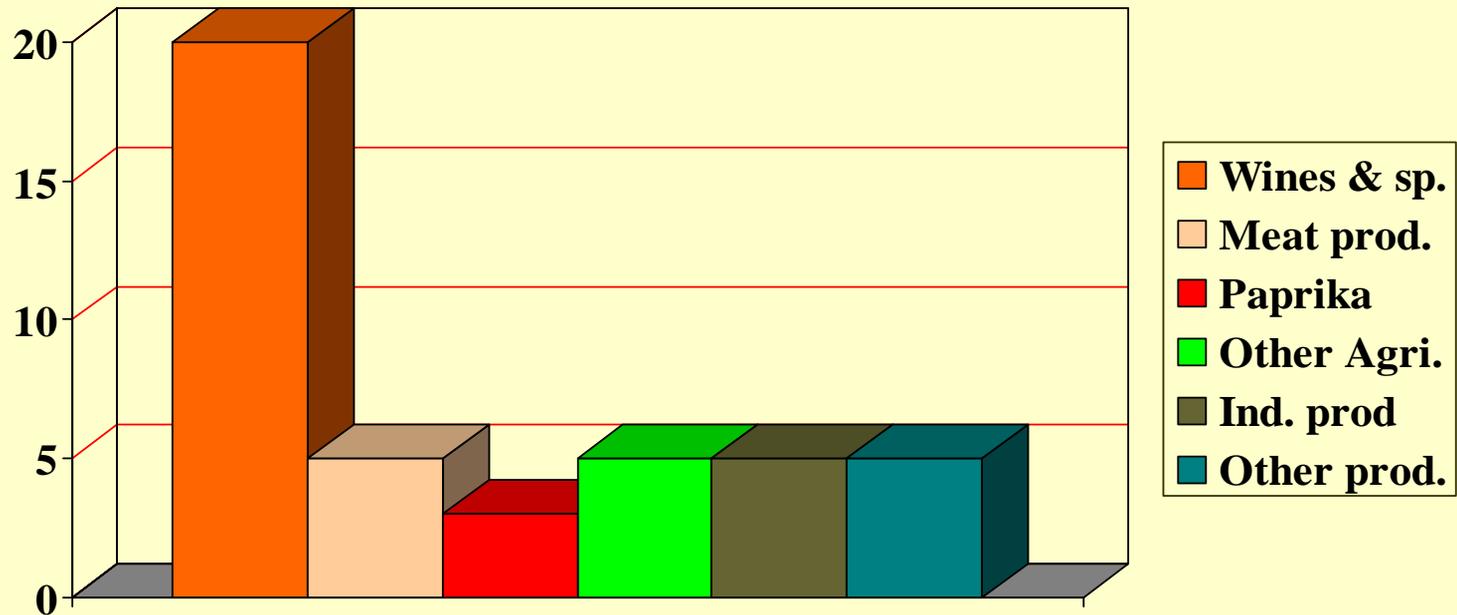
- Registered national GIs: 43 (26 protected under the Lisbon Agreement)

Breakdown by number of applications



# Practical aspects – registered GIs

## Breakdown by type of products



# Proposed areas of development

- Strengthen the international protection: multilateral registration of GIs (TRIPS)
- Development of the Lisbon System
- More attention should be paid to the national systems concerning:
  - IP awareness of producers and consumers
  - Support local producers/communities
  - Inspection of quality and enforcement

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