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
  – 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.)
- 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
  - Inspeccion of quality and enforcement
Thank you for your kind attention!