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Joint Declaration in Beijing in 2005 between DG AGRI and Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China establishing a **Dialogue on Agriculture**

Objective: promote mutual understanding and cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development

Enable discussion on: agriculture production and trade; quality policy including geographical indications and organic production; agriculture policy, laws, regulations; other topics (e.g. new technologies)

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In the framework of the Dialogue, 2006 agreement on:

Working arrangements: principle of annual meetings and working groups:

- 1 senior level working group
- 4 technical working groups : trade, quality products, policy information, food technologies

Mutual administrative cooperation on GIs between DG AGRI and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ)

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Mutual administrative cooperation on GIs

- 'test' mutual registration of 5-10 GIs
- make it easier for the future direct applications for GI registration by EU and Chinese stakeholders in each other's territories
- First step: agriculture products; wine and spirit drinks possibly at a later stage; products should be 'non-conflictual'
- EU criteria: export data, reasonable grounds for protection (potential usurpations), synergy with other policies (promotion)
- List exchanges and discussions on GI dossiers during workshops



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Registration finalised in 2012



EU

Roquefort (cheese)

Comté (cheese)

West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese

Scottish farmed salmon

Pruneaux d'Agen (plum)

Grana Padano (cheese)

Sierra Magína (olive oil)

Priego de Córdoba (olive oil)

Prosciutto di Parma (ham)

White Stilton cheese / Blue Stilton cheese

China

Guanxi Mi You (honey pomelo)

Lixian Ma Shan Yao (Yam)

Longjing cha (tea)

Shaanxi ping guo (apple)

Jinxiang Da Suan (garlic)

Zhenjiang Xiang Cu (rice vinegar)

Dongshan Bai Lu Sun (white asparagus)

Pinggu Da Tao (peach)

Yancheng Long Xia (crayfish)

Longkou Fen Si (noodles)

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Lessons learnt

- Link: must be clearly described if PDO or PGI → an application not meeting the requirements for a PDO was reclassified to a PGI
- Geographical area and product: must be clearly identified
- Proof of origin: to be understood 'traceability' and not product history
- Name: must be written in the language used in the region of origin (e.g. in Chinese characters) with a transcription in Latin; only translation of the name in English is not enough
- Product specification and single document have to be consistent
- Quality of translations in English

Questions?

More information:

Quality policy web-page:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/quality/index_en.htm

International trade and geographical indications:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/gi-international/index_en.htm

DOOR database:

<http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/quality/door/list.html>