

49. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVES, 2015

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Note: The International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015 was adopted on 9 October 2015 at the United Nations Conference for the Negotiation of a Successor Agreement to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2005 held in Geneva from 5 to 9 October 2015. This Agreement shall be open for signature at United Nations Headquarters from 1 January 2016 until and including 31 December 2016 by parties to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2005, and Governments invited to the United Nations Conference for the Negotiation of a Successor Agreement to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2005.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Provisional application(n)</i>	<i>Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a), Definitive signature(s)</i>
Albania.....			6 Mar 2019 a
Algeria	25 Oct 2016	5 Dec 2016 n	12 Mar 2018
Argentina	23 Dec 2016	28 Sep 2017 n	
Azerbaijan.....			30 Apr 2024 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....			20 Feb 2024 a
Egypt.....			3 May 2018 a
European Union.....	18 Nov 2016	1 Dec 2016 n	27 Jun 2019 AA
Georgia			9 Nov 2019 a
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	30 Dec 2016		24 Oct 2018
Israel	29 Dec 2016		22 Nov 2017
Jordan.....	22 Dec 2016		19 Apr 2017
Lebanon	2 Dec 2016		7 Jul 2017 A
Libya.....	29 Dec 2016	6 Apr 2017 n	
Montenegro.....	23 Dec 2016		21 Jul 2017
Morocco.....	27 Jul 2016	23 Dec 2016 n	22 Apr 2022
Saudi Arabia			17 Mar 2023 a
State of Palestine			9 Apr 2017 a
Tunisia	23 Sep 2016		23 Sep 2016
Türkiye.....	14 Sep 2016		21 Jun 2017

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Uruguay	18 Oct 2016		28 Dec 2017
Uzbekistan			31 Aug 2021 a

ARGENTINA

The Argentine Republic declares that protection for geographical indications is established in the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement of the World Trade Organization (WTO). This does not imply binding commitments to extend to other products the broad protection that TRIPS provides for wines and spirits.

The Argentine Republic notes that no obligation that it may assume pursuant to the implementation of the Agreement, or subsequently, will prejudice its position on this matter in various multilateral forums, in particular WTO, or in other trade negotiations.

The Argentine Republic also understands that the provisions of article 20 of the 2015 Agreement, regarding geographical indications, should be interpreted in accordance with the standards in the TRIPS Agreement to mean that each member shall provide the legal means to prevent the use of any means in the designation or presentation of a good that indicates or suggests that it originates in a geographical area other than the true place of origin in a manner which misleads the public as to the geographical origin of the good.

Furthermore, the Argentine Republic interprets that the provisions of article 20 of the 2015 Agreement do not detract from the rights of members of the International Olive Council to protect geographical indications in accordance with their respective legal systems or practices, or prejudice or impair rights already acquired.

The Argentine Republic declares that the negotiations held pursuant to this Agreement, in order to establish a mechanism for the protection of geographical indications for products covered by the Agreement, should guarantee a commercially fair and balanced outcome that benefits all members of the International Olive Council. It undertakes to participate on that basis.

Furthermore, the Argentine Republic notified the Secretary-General that, in accordance with article 30 of the Agreement, the Republic of Argentina applies the Agreement provisionally as of 1 January 2017.

GEORGIA

Georgia declares that for the period of temporary occupation of parts of the territory of Georgia – the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region – as a result of military aggression by the Russian Federation and until the complete restoration of the constitutional law and order and effective control by Georgia over such occupied territories, the application and implementation by Georgia of the obligations under the Agreement, as applied to the aforementioned occupied and uncontrolled territories of Georgia, is limited and is not guaranteed.

