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System of Geographical Indications of Georgia and Major Reform

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General Information

- Sakpatenti established in 1992
- Georgia has unique agro-climatic conditions and centuries-old traditions, great potential for registration of geographical indications;
- The first appellation of origin was registered in 2005;
- 64 geographical indications and appellations of origin are registered in Georgia:
 - ✓ *Wine - 29*
 - ✓ *Mineral water - 8*
 - ✓ *Cheese - 13*
 - ✓ *Agricultural product - 12*
 - ✓ *Spirits - 1*
 - ✓ *Non-agricultural product - 1*



System of Geographical Indications

Legal framework for the protection of appellations of origin and geographical indications includes:

- ✓ Law of Georgia "On Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications of Goods";
- ✓ International agreements;
- ✓ Bilateral agreements;
- **Origin Georgia** - participates in the revealing of potential Geographical Indications and in identification of their characteristics for purpose of their further registration;
- **The National Food Agency and the National Wine Agency** participate in the control and granting the right to use;
- Government has paid utmost importance on Gis; In many cases the National Wine Agency was applicant.



Ongoing Reform



- Twinning Project aimed establishment of an effective protection and control system of geographical indications in Georgia;
- Draft Law on “Appellation of Origin and Geographical Indication of Good ” is prepared:
 - ✓ The significance of associations in terms of geographical indication protection is enlarged;
 - ✓ Modification of the registration system; Relevant stakeholders are involved;
 - ✓ The mechanism of state control is enhanced.





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