

Accordingly, breach of the obligation to notify renders the technical regulations concerned inapplicable, so that they are unenforceable against individuals.

Information on these notifications can be obtained from the national administrations, a list of which was published in *Official Journal of the European Communities* No C 324 of 30 October 1996.

Publication of an application for registration pursuant to Article 6 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin

(97/C 22/03)

This publication confers the right to object to the application pursuant to Article 7 of the abovementioned Regulation. Any objection to this application must be submitted via the competent authority in the Member State concerned within a time limit of six months from the date of this publication. The arguments for publication are set out below, in particular under 5 (f), and are considered to justify the application within the meaning of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2081/92

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION: ARTICLE 5

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National application No: —

1. Responsible department in the Member State

Name: Ministère de l'Agriculture — Direction Générale de l'Alimentation.

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2. Applicant group

(a) Name: Consortium du Jambon de Bayonne.

(b) Address: 6 avenue Louis Sallenave, F-64000 Pau.

(c) Composition: producer/processor (x) other ().

3. Name of product: Jambon de Bayonne (Bayonne ham).

4. Type of product: Group 1-2 — Meat-based products.

5. Specification (summary of requirements under Article 4(2)):

(a) *Name:* Jambon de Bayonne — Geographical indication.

(b) *Description:* Bayonne ham is a leg of pork, trimmed, salted using dry salt from the Adour basin and dried in that area for at least seven months. Throughout the period of maturing and curing, the ham develops its aroma and becomes tender. When sliced thinly, it melts in the mouth and has a delicate and only slightly salty taste.

- (c) *Geographical area*: This comprises an area where the pigs are raised and an area where the ham is processed.

The area for raising the pigs comprises the following regions and departments of south-eastern France: Aquitaine, Midi-Pyrénées, Poitou-Charentes and the following neighbouring departments: Haute-Vienne, Corrèze, Cantal, Aude and Pyrénées Orientales.

The area for the processing of the ham (salting, drying, curing and boning) lies south-west of the Adour and includes the cantons along that river. It includes the department of Pyrénées-Atlantiques and parts of the departments of Hautes Pyrénées, Landes and Gers.

- (d) *Proof of origin*: Those involved in all stages of the production of Bayonne ham take care that it can be traced.

The product is identified as follows:

- the pigs are marked when they are raised,
- the fresh ham is marked in accordance with the specification for slaughter and cutting,
- the ham is marked when it goes for salting.

All operations concerning the transfer of animals and hams are recorded and the documentation retained.

- (e) *Method of production*: The conditions governing the various stages of production of Bayonne ham are:

- production: pigs are fattened using feed containing at least 60 % cereals, derived from cereals and peas,
- slaughter and cutting: fresh hams are selected on the basis of weight (at least 8,5 kg), absence of visible blemishes and quality of meat and fat,
- processing: salting using salt from the Adour basin, drying and curing for at least seven months from the date of salting.

- (f) *Link*: The salting of Bayonne ham, a traditional local skill, acquired a reputation through its sale in Bayonne in the sixteenth century. Its present reputation is well-established, as is attested by two national consumer surveys.

The supply of fresh hams from a larger area of production to salting plants in the processing area is a traditional commercial practice which still continues today.

The characteristics of Bayonne ham are related to local know-how which has exploited to the full the quality of fresh hams from the area of production, the favourable climatic conditions in the Adour basin and the use of rock salt deposits.

- (g) *Inspection body*:

Name: Certisud.

Address: 6 avenue Louis Sallenave, F-64000 Pau.

- (h) *Labelling*: The logo of the Bayonne ham consortium (reproduced below) and the following specific labelling:

- 'Jambon de Bayonne',
- 'Dried and cured in the Adour basin',

— 'Certified by' and the name and address of the certifying body.



(i) *National requirements* (if any): —

EC No: G/FR/00031/96.08.23.

Date of receipt of the full application: 23. 8. 1996.

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case No IV/M.875 — DBV/Gothaer/GPM)

(97/C 22/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 14 January 1997, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of a Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings DBV Winterthur Holding AG, Wiesbaden/Germany (DBV), controlled by the Swiss group Winterthur, and Gothaer Lebensversicherung AG, Göttingen/Germany (Gothaer), belonging to the group Gothaer Versicherungen, acquire within the meaning of Article 3 (1) (b) of the Regulation joint control of the undertaking Gothaer Pensions-Management GmbH, Göttingen/Germany (GPM) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- DBV: all kinds of insurance,
- Gothaer: life insurance,
- GPM: management of company pensions.

3. Upon preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32 2) 296 43 01/296 72 44) or by post, under reference number IV/M.875 — DBV/Gothaer/GPM, to the following address:

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Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989. Corrigendum: OJ No L 257, 21. 9. 1990, p. 13.