

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

PDO (X) PGI ()
National file No: 25

1. Competent national authority:

Name: Ministero dell'agricoltura e delle foreste -
Direzione generale della produzione agricola -
Div. VI^-
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2. Applicant group:

Name: Consorzio per la Tutela del Formaggio Taleggio.
Address: Viale Molise, 62 - 20137 Milano.

Composition: producer/processor (X) other ()

3. Name of product: Taleggio

4. Type of product: (cf. list) Cheese

5. Description of product: summary of requirements under Art. 4
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a) name: cf. 3 Taleggio

b) description: soft cows' milk cheese, ripened only for a short time, parallelepiped in shape with a straight base and with straight sides.

c) geographical area: the entire territory of the provinces of Bergamo, Brescia, Como, Cremona, Milan, Pavia, Novara and Treviso, forming a continuous area.

d) background: linked with the traditional use of the Alpine pastures, the custom of concentrating the cattle in the commune of Taleggio at particular times of year came into being. The milk obtained from them was turned into cheese according to traditional techniques which had become established over time, following the evolution of the sector.

e) production method: after the milk has been coagulated, the curd is cut and placed in suitable moulds where heating and salting take place, followed by a short ripening period in a suitable environment during which the cheeses are periodically turned and treated with brine to acquire their particular characteristics.

f) link: the natural factors are connected with the climatic conditions of the production area, which are favourable for abundant and high quality fodder for feeding the dairy cows.

As for the human factors, the cheese has retained its intrinsic characteristics over time due to the use of established techniques and the historical presence of skilled labour which has resulted in its being distributed on the consumer market.

- g) control body: Name: Ministero dell'Agricoltura e delle Foreste - Ispettorato Centrale Repressione Frodi; Consorzio per la Tutela del Formaggio Taleggio, entrusted with the task of supervision.
Address: Via XX Settembre, 20 - 00187 Roma;
Viale Molise, 62 - 20137 Milano.
- h) labelling: the product is marketed carrying the label of the relevant Supervisory Consortium.
- i) national legislative requirements (where applicable):
law No. 125/54 and D.P.R. of 22.9.1981; D.P.R. of 15.9.1988 and Ministerial decree of 31.3.1981, on entrusting parties with the responsibility for supervision of the production and marketing of "Taleggio" cheese.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSION

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