

**Application for approval of a minor amendment in accordance with
the second subparagraph of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012
The European Commission has approved this minor amendment
in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 6(2)
of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 664/2014 of 18 December 2013.**

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A MINOR AMENDMENT

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‘Queso Tetilla’ / ‘Queixo Tetilla’

EU No: PDO-ES-0088-AM02 – 16/09/2020

PDO (X) PGI () TSG ()

1. APPLICANT GROUP AND LEGITIMATE INTEREST

Consejo Regulador de la Denominación de Origen Protegida «Queso Tetilla» / «Queixo Tetilla» [Regulatory Board for the Protected Designation of Origin ‘Queso Tetilla’ / ‘Queixo Tetilla’]

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The Regulatory Board, of which all operators are members, is the group that applied for registration of this designation of origin and is officially recognised as the management body for the ‘Queso Tetilla’ PDO, in accordance with Article 38(1) of the Regulation governing the protected designation of origin ‘Queso Tetilla’ and its Regulatory Board, as approved by Order of 13 February 2017 of the Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Government of Galicia. One of the specific functions of the Regulatory Board is to propose amendments to the product specification, as provided for in Article 4(4) of Decree 4/2007 of 18 January 2007 governing geographical quality designations in the food sector and their regulatory boards.

2. MEMBER STATE OR THIRD COUNTRY

Spain

3. HEADING IN THE PRODUCT SPECIFICATION AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT(S)

- ☒ Description of product
- ☐ Proof of origin
- ☐ Method of production
- ☐ Link
- ☒ Labelling
- ☒ Other [the name of the inspection body has changed]

4. TYPE OF AMENDMENT(S)

- ☐ Amendment to the product specification of a registered PDO or PGI to be qualified as minor in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 53(2) of

Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 and requiring no amendment to the published single document.

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☐ Amendment to the product specification of a registered PDO or PGI to be qualified as minor in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, for which a single document (or equivalent) has not been published.

☐ Amendment to the product specification of a registered TSG to be qualified as minor in accordance with the fourth subparagraph of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012.

5. AMENDMENT(S)

5.1. Description of product

At the end of the following paragraph in the ‘Description of product’ section of the product specification and single document:

Dimensions: the height is greater than the radius of the base and less than the diameter. Maximum: 150 mm (height and diameter of the base). Minimum: 90 mm (height and diameter of the base).

the following sentence has been added:

A 10% margin of tolerance is permitted for the maximum dimensions of the base of cheeses weighing more than 1 kg.

This amendment is necessary because the dimensions of the base of cheeses weighing more than 1 kg can vary slightly as a result of the maturing process. The moulds used to make cheeses covered by the PDO, whatever their weight, comply with the minimum and maximum dimensions laid down in the product specification, so the cheeses also comply with those dimensions when they are removed from the moulds. However, it has been observed that, during maturing, as the cheeses take on the characteristic conical, concave-convex shape, the dimensions of the base of cheeses weighing more than 1 kg can sometimes slightly exceed the permitted maximum. It has therefore been deemed advisable to introduce a margin of tolerance that applies only to cheeses weighing more than 1 kg.

5.2. Inspection body

In section G of the product specification, the reference to the Galician Institute for Food Quality (Ingacal) has been replaced by a reference to the Galician Agency for Food Quality (Agacal), along with the new contact details.

This change has been made following the approval of Decree 52/2018 of 5 April 2018 establishing the Galician Agency for Food Quality and approving its statutes. In accordance with that Decree, Agacal is the competent authority in the Autonomous Community of Galicia for verifying compliance with the product specifications for geographical indications in the agri-food sector.

5.3. Labelling

In the product specification, the following sentence has been deleted from the third paragraph of the 'Labelling' section:

Furthermore, proof must be provided of ownership or co-ownership of the trademarks used.

This amendment, which does not affect the single document, has been made because of the different circumstances that may apply with regard to the marks used by the PDO's operators and because it is not necessary for them to prove their ownership or co-ownership of the corresponding trademark registration to the Regulatory Board. In fact, the producers of 'Queso Tetilla' are not always the registered owners of the individual trademarks used to market the product, and a wide range of scenarios may apply, such as marketing using third-party marks, the use of unregistered signs as marks, etc. This requirement has therefore been deleted.

Minor nature of the amendments proposed:

All of the amendments should be considered minor within the meaning of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012.

Amendments to the specific labelling rules applicable to a protected product are always minor under the above-mentioned Article. Moreover, in this case, the amendment does not change the label itself but merely removes the requirement for operators to prove ownership or co-ownership of the trademarks used.

The amendment to the 'Description of product' section is also minor, as it does not affect the essential characteristics of the product. The proposed amendment consists of introducing a margin of tolerance with regard to the maximum measurement of the base of cheeses weighing more than 1 kg. It does not affect the essential physical characteristics of the product, as it still has its characteristic shape, that of a female breast, nor does it affect the product's organoleptic or physico-chemical characteristics.

Lastly, the amendment of the details of the inspection body is self-evidently a mere clerical change that does not affect any of the elements that would cause the change to be considered non-minor.

6. UPDATED PRODUCT SPECIFICATION (ONLY FOR PDO AND PGI)

https://mediorural.xunta.gal/sites/default/files/productos/en-tramitacion/QuesoTetillaPliego-condiciones-febrero_2020_final.pdf