

ANNEX I

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION: Art. 5 ( ) Art. 17 ( )

PDO ( ) PGI ( X )  
National application No ....37.....

1. RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT IN THE MEMBER STATE:  
NAME: Ministero delle Risorse Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali -  
Direzione Generale Politiche Agricole e Agroindustriali Nazionali  
(ex Div. VI)  
Tel. 06/4819968 Fax 0039/6/4819580  
ADDRESS: Via XX Settembre, 20 - 00187 - Roma
2. APPLICANT GROUP:  
(a) NAME: Co.p.p.i. e Associazione agrume pigmentato Sicilia  
Orientale  
(b) ADDRESS: Co.p.p.i.: Zona industriale S. Pietro Lametino -  
88040 - Lamezia Terme (CZ)  
Associazione agrume pigmentato Sicilia Orientale: Contrada  
Biviere - 96016 - Lentini (SR)  
  
(c) COMPOSITION: PRODUCER/PROCESSOR ( X ) OTHER ( )
3. NAME OF PRODUCT: Arancia Rossa di Sicilia
4. TYPE OF PRODUCT: (see list in Annex VI) fruit and vegetable
5. SPECIFICATION:  
(summary of Article 4(2))  
(a) NAME: (see 3)  
  
(b) DESCRIPTION: fruit in the group of pigmented oranges in the  
3 varieties of Tarocco, Moro and Sanguinello, characterized by  
accentuated coloration of the epicarp due to the presence of  
anthocyanin pigments.  
  
(c) GEOGRAPHICAL AREA: Eastern Sicily (defined on the enclosed  
maps).  
  
(d) EVIDENCE: The cultivar "Tarocco" seems to have been derived  
from a mutation of the "Sanguinello". The history of this  
cultivar is included in the article by Sebastiano Cocuzza titled  
"Come il Tarocco s'introdusse e molteplicò a Francofonte" ("How  
the Tarocco was Introduced and Spread in Francofonte " published  
in 1929, which places the origin of this cultivar at the end of  
the 19th century. The name "Tarocco" appears to have come from  
the exclamation of wonder of the farmer who was shown this fruit  
by its discoverer. From the area of Francofonte, the product  
spread to the areas of Lentini, Carlentini, Palagonia, etc. The  
cultivar "Moro" seems to have originated at the beginning of the

19th century in the citrus-growing area around Lentini (SR) as a bud mutation of the "Sanguigno". The characteristics of the product were described by Prof. Casella in 1935. A historical contribution to knowledge on Sicilian red oranges was made by Dr. D. Guzzini, who in the March 1933 Italia Agricola listed and described the "Oranges of Sicily".

(e) METHOD OF PRODUCTION: The Protected Geographical Indication "Arancia Rossa di Sicilia" ("Sicilian Red Orange") is limited to the following varieties:

- Tarocco with its respective clones;
- Moro with its respective clones;
- Sanguinello with its respective clones;

cultivated as pure varieties in the appropriate area of eastern Sicily.

The orange groves producing "Sicilian Red Oranges" must have the environmental and cultivation conditions traditional to that area and which give the resulting product its specific quality characteristics. The maximum unitary production allowed for "Sicilian Red Oranges" is set at 30 tonnes per hectare for the Tarocco variety. For the clonal selections Tarocco Nucellare, Moro Nucellare and Sanguinello Nucellare the maximum unitary production allowed is 36 t/ha. Degreening of the fruit is strictly prohibited.

(f) LINK: Citrus fruits have been cultivated in Sicily since ancient times, and cultivation is documented since the time of Moorish rule. In particular, the hilly areas and plains surrounding the Mt. Etna volcano became specialized in a unique type of cultivation.

In fact, due to the great temperature range in the area, the hesperidia reach a high accumulation of sugar and anthocyanin pigments, which gives the oranges a very attractive external colour, a sweet, characteristic taste and a very intense colour to the epicarp. There are varieties which, over the centuries, have acquired a strong interaction with the cultivation environment, and these are: the Sanguinello, the Tarocco and the Moro.

The Sicilian Red Orange is thus a clear example of the strict connection between climatic factors and product characteristics. In fact, the same orange varieties grown in other climates do not show the same particular colour and specific organoleptic characteristics which have made these oranges famous all over the world.

(g) INSPECTION STRUCTURE:      NAME: Ministero delle Risorse  
Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali  
- Ispettorato Centrale  
Repressione Frodi  
ADDRESS: Via XX Settembre, 20 -  
00187 Roma

- (h) LABELLING: sticker with the P.G.I. logo.
- (i) NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: (if any) Bilateral agreements.

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