

ANNEX I

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

PDO (X) PGI ( )  
National application No: TY (PDO) 10

1. Responsible department in the Member State:  
Name: Ministry of Agriculture: Directorate for the Processing, Standardization and Quality Control of Products of Plant Origin.  
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2. Applicant group:  
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(c) Composition: producer/processor (X) other ( )
3. Name of product:  
BATZOS CHEESE PDO
4. Type of product: (see list in Annex VI)  
1.3 Cheese
5. Specification:  
(summary of Article 4(2))  
Summary of the specifications laid down in the herewith appended Ministerial Decision 313057/17.1.94 on "the recognition of the protected designation of origin (PDO) of BATZOS cheese."  
  
(a) Name: (see 3) BATZOS PDO  
  
(b) Description: A semi-hard to hard cheese which is produced traditionally from sheep's milk or goat's milk or from a mixture of the two and ripened and stored in brine.  
  
(c) Geographical area: Thessaly, Western and Central Macedonia.  
  
(d) Evidence: This well-esteemed cheese had been produced for many decades. It is produced using traditional technology and ripened in installations within the defined geographical area.

(e) Method of production: The milk is coagulated at 28-32°C over about 50 minutes. The curd is broken up, left to settle in the vat for 30 minutes, stirred and reheated to 45°C. It is then taken out and placed in cheesecloths for draining. The following day it is cut into slabs and surface salted. After 5 days it is placed in metal containers containing brine of 10-12% salt and left to ripen for not less than 3 months.

(f) Link: The cheese is produced using traditional technology from the milk of sheep and goat breeds reared traditionally in the above-stated geographical areas.

(g) Inspection structure: Name: The directorates of agriculture which have competence for the geographical areas of production.

Address:

(h) Labelling: BATZOS CHEESE PDO. Inspection data: MIIATZ (BATZ), the packaging serial number and the date of production.

(i) National requirements (if any): The provisions of Presidential Decree 81/93 on "the requirements, conditions and procedure for the establishment of origin designations for agricultural products" are applicable.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSION

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