

ANNEX I

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

PDO (X) PGI ()
National application No. 2/93

1. Responsible department in the Member State:
Name IMAIAA - LISBOA - PORTUGAL
Tel. 3876262 Fax. 3876635
2. Applicant group:
 - (a) Name NATUR-AL-CARNES. Agrupamento de Produtores Pecuários do Norte Alentejo, S.A.
 - (b) Address Rua do Comércio, 74 - 1º, 7300 - Portalegre
 - (c) Composition: producer/processor (X) other ()
3. Name of product: Queijo de Nisa
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4. Type of product: (see list in Annex VI) Ewe's milk cheese
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5. Specification:
(summary of Article 4(2))
 - (a) Name: (see 3)
 - (b) Description: Cured cheese, of semi-hard consistency, with a white-yellow colour, sealed, with small holes.
 - (c) Geographical area: Includes the subdistricts of Nisa, Crato, Castelo de Vide, Marvão, Portalegre, Monforte, Arronches and Alter do Chão.
 - (d) Evidence: Established through use and the know-how of the local people, the traditional method of manufacturing the product having been preserved. The cheese has characteristics attributable to the milk and, therefore, to the traditional method of rearing the ewes.
 - (e) Method of production: By slowly draining the curds, after coagulation of the pure, raw ewe's milk, through the action of a cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, L.) steep.
 - f) Link: These sheep breeds are found on combined arable and cattle farms situated in this region which has natural pastures under cover of oak groves, with a flora very rich in mainly Mediterranean species which gives the milk and therefore the cheese, distinctive characteristics.
 - (g) Inspection structure: Name: ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS AGRICULTORES DO DISTRITO DE PORTALEGRE
Address: Rua do Comércio, 74 - 1º,
7300 Portalegre
 - (h) Labelling: QUEIJO DE NISA - Denomination of Origin
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 - (i) National requirements: (if any) Royal Decree no. 6/93 of 16 March and Order no. 73/90 of 1 February.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSION

EEC No.: VIB14/PO/0210/24.1.94

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