

ANNEX I

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

PDO (X) PGI ()

National application No: TY (PDO) 24

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:
 - (a) Name: THE ASSOCIATION OF CHEESE-MAKERS OF THE RETHYMNOS PREFECTURE
 - (b) Address: KRANA MYLOPOTAMOU
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 - (c) Composition: producer/processor (X) other ()
3. Name of product:
GRAVIERA KRITIS 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 313047/14.1.94 on "the recognition of the protected designation of origin (PDO) of GRAVIERA KRITIS cheese."
 - (a) Name: (see 3) GRAVIERA KRITIS PDO
 - (b) Description: A hard table cheese with a firm elastic texture and perforations. The cheese is produced traditionally from sheep's milk or from a mixture of sheep's milk and goat's milk.
 - (c) Geographical area: The prefectures of Hania, Rethymnos, Iraklion and Lasithio.
 - (d) Evidence: This cheese has a history going back centuries and is one of the most well-known of the Greek graviera cheeses. It is produced using traditional technology and ripened in installations within the defined geographical area.

(e) Method of production: The milk is coagulated at 34-36°C. After 30 minutes the curd is broken up and reheated to 50-52°C under constant stirring. Following this the curd is placed in moulds and pressed for several hours. The cheeses are then left to stand for 1 day at a temperature of 14-16°C and are afterwards placed in brine at 18-20B for 2-5 days depending on their size. After removal from the brine the cheeses are ripened for not less than 3 months in rooms kept at 14-18°C. During ripening the cheeses are surface salted all over up to 10 times.

(f) Link: The cheese is made using traditional technology from the milk of sheep and goat breeds reared traditionally in the above-stated area. The animals are fully-adapted to the environment and their diet is based on the flora of the area.

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

Address:

(h) Labelling: GRAVIERA KRITIS CHEESE PDO. Inspection data: TP-KP (GR-KR), 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.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSION

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