

## **Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications**

### **ACCESSION BY THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

1. On June 26, 2019, the Government of the Republic of Albania deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (the “Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement”), adopted at Geneva on May 20, 2015.
2. Pursuant to Rule 4(1) of the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (the “Common Regulations”), the Government of the Republic of Albania has notified the following name and address of its Competent Authority for the purposes of the procedures under the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement:

General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP)  
Bulevardi “Zhan D’Ark”, Prona nr.33, Shtëpia e Ushtarakëve,  
Tirana, Albania  
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Website: [www.dppm.gov.al](http://www.dppm.gov.al)

3. Pursuant to Rule 4(3) of the Common Regulations, the Competent Authority referred to in paragraph 2 above will make available information on the applicable procedures in its territory to challenge and enforce rights in appellations of origin and geographical indications. This information will be published at <https://www.wipo.int/lisbon/en/>.

4. It is recalled that instruments of ratification or accession of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement were deposited:

- on March 9, 2018, by the Kingdom of Cambodia
- on June 26, 2019, by the Republic of Albania
- on October 2, 2019, by the Independent State of Samoa
- on October 8, 2019, by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- on November 26, 2019, by the European Union.

Consequently, in accordance with the provision of Article 29(2), the said Act entered into force on February 26, 2020, with respect to the five States and Intergovernmental Organization referred to above.

February 28, 2020