EU/Iceland agreement: protection of geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs

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The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by David BORRELLI (EFDD, IT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs.

The committee recommended that Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

In the short explanatory statement accompanying the report, it is recalled that the conclusion of the agreement is part of the **overall strategy of the European Union** to promote the production and consumption of European products with geographical indications (GIs).

Under the negotiated geographical agreement, **1 150 EU foodstuff GIs** will be protected in Iceland as in the rest of the EU against: (i) any direct or indirect commercial use; (ii) any misuse, imitation or evocation of the product; (iii) any other false or misleading indication as to the provenance, origin, nature or essential qualities of the product; (iv) any other practice liable to mislead the consumer as to the true origin of the product.