Agricultural products and foodstuffs: designations of origin, geographical indications (amend. Regul. 2081/92/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: to amend Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 with a view to providing for the transitional period to apply only to names registered under that Article so as not to prejudice producers. SUBSTANCE: the proposal allows Member States to maintain national measures authorizing the use of names registered under Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 for a period of not more than five years from the date of publication of registration, provided that: - the products have been marketed legally using such names for at least five years before the date of publication of the Regulation, - the labelling clearly indicates the true origin of the product. This derogation may not lead to the marketing of products freely on the territory of a Member State where such names are prohibited.