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Subject: Traditional Speciality Guaranteed (TSG) 'Fleur de Sel'

Following an application submitted by Guinea, in January 2026 the Commission published a Traditional Speciality Guaranteed (TSG) registration for 'Fleur de Sel'. This TSG appears highly problematic, as it is based on a specification that is not shared by all existing or pending Protected Geographical Indications (PGIs), such as 'Fleur de Sel de Camargue', nor by the national rules of several Member States regulating flower of salt.

These products are clearly identified by consumers, fully comply with the chemical and organoleptic characteristics that distinguish *fleur de sel* from coarse salt, and are rooted in local practices determined by their specific environments.

Furthermore, the creation of an overarching TSG would weaken the legal protection afforded to PGIs for *fleur de sel* by encouraging the use of generic designations that run counter to the very purpose of the PGI system and would conflict with national rules of several Member States.

In this context:

1. How does the Commission intend to safeguard the integrity of existing PGIs and those currently undergoing the registration process?

2. Should the Commission not reclassify the TSG application as an application for the PGI 'Guinean Fleur de Sel', thereby ensuring recognition of the specific characteristics of its own production method?

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