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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission is not aware of the situation mentioned by the Honourable Members. The EU legislation covering food products designated as protected designations of origin (PDO) and protected geographical indications (PGI) provides a high level of protection for European quality products, thus safeguarding consumers' confidence and enabling them to make more informed purchasing choices.

2. According to the applicable rules¹, controls on production of PDO or PGI products are carried out by the competent authorities of the Member States. It is therefore for the national authorities to perform the controls at all stages of production, processing and distribution and possibly intervene in case of non-compliance with the product specification. Each operator should be subject to such controls.

3. The Commission, as guardian of the Treaty monitors Member States' application of EU law in their territories. It aims to swiftly follow up on systemic issues involving the application of EU law in EU countries. The Commission takes note of the situation reported in the Honourable Members' question and is in regular contact with the competent Italian authorities.

¹ See art. 39 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products, as well as traditional specialities guaranteed and optional quality terms for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2019/787 and (EU) 2019/1753 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 (OJ L 23.4.2024, p.76).