

NewsLetter



Protected Food Names

Defra have today released a list of newly awarded protected food names but have also recently refused an application by the Melton Mowbray Pork Pie company to restrict the geographical area in which pies protected by the scheme are permitted to be made.

Under the UK protected food name schemes, food and agricultural products with a geographical connection or that are made using traditional methods can be registered and protected as intellectual property. This protection is called a geographical indication (GI).

GI protection guarantees a product's characteristics or reputation, authenticity and origin. It protects the product name from misuse or imitation.

The UK GI schemes protect registered product names when they are sold in Great Britain.

Any producer can make and sell a product under a registered product name if they follow the product's specification and are verified to do so

What food names can be protected?

There are six registers of protected food names which are administered by Defra:

- [Protected food names scheme register: protected designation of origin \(PDO\) and protected geographical indication \(PGI\)](#)
- [Protected food names scheme register: traditional speciality guaranteed \(TSG\)](#)
- [Protected spirit drink names scheme register](#)
- [Protected wine names scheme register](#)
- [Protected aromatised wines scheme register](#)
- [Traditional terms for wine register](#)

What are the newly registered protected food names?

The following food names have been added to the above registers:

- [Welsh Heather Honey / Mel Grug Cymru](#) (PGI)
- [Pembrokeshire Rock Oysters](#) (PGI)
- [Pembrokeshire Native Oysters](#) (PGI)
- [Dovey Native Botanical Gin](#) (Protected spirit drink name)
- [Café de la Sierra Nevada](#) (PGI)
- [Bocadillo Veleño](#) (PGI)
- [Café de Tolima](#) (PGI)
- [Cangrejo Negro de Providencia/ Providence Black Crab](#) (PGI)

Further Information

- [Defra Guidance: Protected geographical food and drink names: UK GI schemes](#)