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International Protection of UK Geographical Indications

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International GI Protection

The majority of countries worldwide protect geographical indications (GIs), either through a system of trade marks or through a bespoke scheme like the one run by the UK Government. How GIs are protected varies worldwide – in some countries recognition of a GI allows producers to apply to the courts to prevent infringement, in others there is a strong system of state enforcement against misuse of GIs. However, if a country protects GIs, then UK GI producers should be able to apply to have a UK GI recognised in that country.

In addition, the UK Government has protected GIs through listing in several free trade agreements (FTAs). This achieves protection for UK GIs without the need for producers to apply individually, and also provides a formal mechanism through FTA committees to raise any issues that may arise. Defra's GI team sends out calls for input to ask GI stakeholders about their ambitions, problems and evidence for GI products abroad, which cover upcoming FTA negotiations and committees.

A list of UK GIs protected through FTAs can be found below. If you have any questions on GI protections abroad, please get in touch at protectedfoodnames@defra.gov.uk and the Defra International GI Policy team will be pleased to help.

UK GIs protected through FTAs

Albania

- Irish Cream
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Scotch Whisky

Andean Countries (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru)

- Irish Cream
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Scotch Whisky

Canada

- Irish Cream
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Scotch Whisky

Central America

- Irish Cream
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky

- Scotch Whisky

Chile

- Irish Cream
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky

- Scotch Whisky

Iceland, Norway¹, Liechtenstein²

- Anglesey Sea Salt/Halen Môn
- Arbroath Smokies
- Armagh Bramley Apples
- Beacon Fell Traditional Lancashire Cheese
- Bonchester Cheese
- Buxton Blue
- Cornish Clotted Cream
- Cornish Pasty
- Cornish Sardines
- Darnibole
- Dorset Blue Cheese
- Dovedale Cheese
- East Kent Goldings
- English (Wine)
- English Regional (Wine)
- Exmoor Blue Cheese
- Fal Oyster
- Fenland Celery
- Gloucestershire Cider
- Gloucestershire Perry
- Herefordshire Cider
- Herefordshire Perry
- Irish Cream

- Irish Potteen/Irish Poitín
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Isle of Man Marx Loaghtan Lamb
- Isle of Man Queenies
- Jersey Royal Potatoes
- Kentish Ale
- Kentish Strong Ale
- Lakeland Herdwick
- Lough Neagh Eel
- Melton Mowbray Pork Pie
- Native Shetland Wool
- New Season Comber Potatoes/Comber Earlies
- Newmarket Sausage
- Orkney Beef
- Orkney Lamb
- Orkney Scottish Island Cheddar
- Pembrokeshire Earlies/Pembrokeshire Early Potatoes
- Rutland Bitter
- Scotch Beef
- Scotch Lamb
- Scotch Whisky

¹ Protection for agrifoods does not apply in Norway.

² Protection of these GIs through the UK-Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein free trade agreement is in process of finalisation.

- *Scottish Farmed Salmon
- Scottish Wild Salmon
- Shetland Lamb
- Single Gloucester
- Somerset Cider Brandy
- Staffordshire Cheese
- Stilton Blue Cheese
- Stilton White Cheese
- Stornoway Black Pudding
- Swaledale Cheese
- Swaledale Ewes' Cheese
- Teviotdale Cheese
- Traditional Cumberland Sausage
- Traditional Grimsby Smoked Fish
- Welsh (Wine)
- Welsh Beef
- Welsh Lamb
- Welsh Regional (Wine)
- West Country Beef
- West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese
- West Country Lamb
- Whitstable Oysters
- Worcestershire Cider
- Worcestershire Perry
- Yorkshire Forced Rhubarb
- Yorkshire Wensleydale

European Union

- Anglesey Sea Salt/Halen Môn
- Arbroath Smokies
- Armagh Bramley Apples
- Ayrshire New Potatoes/Ayrshire Earlies
- Beacon Fell Traditional Lancashire Cheese
- Bonchester Cheese
- Buxton Blue
- Carmarthen Ham
- Conwy Mussels
- Cornish Clotted Cream
- Cornish Pasty
- Cornish Sardines
- Darnibole
- Dorset Blue Cheese
- Dovedale Cheese
- East Kent Goldings
- English (Wine)
- English Regional (Wine)
- Exmoor Blue Cheese
- Fal Oyster
- Fenland Celery
- Gloucestershire Cider
- Gloucestershire Perry
- Herefordshire Cider
- Herefordshire Perry
- Irish Cream
- Irish Poteen/Irish Poitín
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Isle of Man Manx Loaghtan Lamb
- Isle of Man Queenies
- Jersey Royal Potatoes
- Kentish Ale
- Kentish Strong Ale
- Lakeland Herdwick
- London Cure Smoked Salmon
- Lough Neagh Eel
- Lough Neagh Pollan
- Melton Mowbray Pork Pie
- Native Shetland Wool
- New Season Comber Potatoes/Comber Earlies
- Newmarket Sausage
- Orkney Beef
- Orkney Lamb
- Orkney Scottish Island Cheddar
- Pembrokeshire Earlies/Pembrokeshire Early Potatoes
- Rutland Bitter

- Scotch Beef
- Scotch Lamb
- Scotch Whisky
- *Scottish Farmed Salmon
- Scottish Wild Salmon
- Shetland Lamb
- Single Gloucester
- Somerset Cider Brandy
- Staffordshire Cheese
- Stilton Blue Cheese
- Stilton White Cheese
- Stornoway Black Pudding
- Swaledale Ewes' Cheese
- Teviotdale Cheese
- The Vale of Clwyd Denbigh Plum
- Traditional Ayrshire Dunlop
- Traditional Cumberland Sausage
- Traditional Grimsby Smoked Fish
- Traditional Welsh
Caerphilly/Traditional Welsh
Caerffili

- Traditional Welsh Cider
- Traditional Welsh Perry
- Vale of Evesham Asparagus
- Welsh (Wine)
- Welsh Beef
- Welsh Lamb
- Welsh Laverbread
- Welsh Regional (Wine)
- West Country Beef
- West Country Farmhouse Cheddar
Cheese
- West Country Lamb
- West Wales Coracle Caught
Salmon
- West Wales Coracle Caught Sewin
- Whitstable Oysters
- Worcestershire Cider
- Worcestershire Perry
- Yorkshire Forced Rhubarb
- Yorkshire Wensleydale

Georgia

- Anglesey Sea Salt/Halen Môn
- Arbroath Smokies
- Armagh Bramley Apples
- Beacon Fell Traditional Lancashire
Cheese
- Bonchester Cheese
- Buxton Blue
- Conwy Mussels
- Cornish Clotted Cream
- Cornish Pasty
- Cornish Sardines
- Dorset Blue Cheese
- Dovedale Cheese
- East Kent Goldings
- English (Wine)
- English Regional (Wine)
- Exrnoor Blue Cheese
- Fal Oyster
- Fenland Celery

- Gloucestershire Cider
- Gloucestershire Perry
- Herefordshire Cider
- Herefordshire Perry
- Irish Cream
- Irish Poteen/Irish Poitín
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha
Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Isle of Man Manx Loaghtan Lamb
- Isle of Man Queenies
- Jersey Royal Potatoes
- Kentish Ale
- Kentish Strong Ale
- Lakeland Herdwick
- Lough Neagh Eel
- Melton Mowbray Pork Pie
- Native Shetland Wool
- New Season Comber
Potatoes/Comber Earlies

- Newmarket Sausage
- Orkney Beef
- Orkney Lamb
- Orkney Scottish Island Cheddar
- Pembrokeshire
Earlies/Pembrokeshire Early
Potatoes
- Rutland Bitter
- Scotch Beef
- Scotch Lamb
- Scotch Whisky
- *Scottish Farmed Salmon
- Scottish Wild Salmon
- Shetland Lamb
- Single Gloucester
- Somerset Cider Brandy
- Staffordshire Cheese
- Stilton Blue Cheese
- Stilton White Cheese
- Stornoway Black Pudding
- Swaledale Ewes' Cheese
- Teviotdale Cheese
- Traditional Ayrshire Dunlop
- Traditional Cumberland Sausage
- Traditional Grimsby Smoked Fish
- Welsh (Wine)
- Welsh Beef
- Welsh Lamb
- Welsh Regional (Wine)
- West Country Beef
- West Country Farmhouse Cheddar
Cheese
- West Country Lamb
- Whitstable Oysters
- Worcestershire Cider
- Worcestershire Perry
- Yorkshire Forced Rhubarb
- Yorkshire Wensleydale

Japan

- Anglesey Sea Salt/Halen Môn
- Arbroath Smokies
- Conwy Mussels
- Cornish Clotted Cream
- Cornish Pasty
- East Kent Goldings
- English (Wine)
- English Regional (Wine)
- Herefordshire Cider
- Herefordshire Perry
- Irish Cream
- Irish Poteen/Irish Poitín
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha
Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Kentish Ale
- Kentish Strong Ale
- London Cure Smoked Salmon
- Lough Neagh Eel
- Lough Neagh Pollan
- Melton Mowbray Pork Pie
- Orkney Scottish Island Cheddar
- Pembrokeshire
Earlies/Pembrokeshire Early
Potatoes
- Scotch Beef
- Scotch Lamb
- Scotch Whisky
- *Scottish Farmed Salmon
- Single Gloucester
- Somerset Cider Brandy
- Staffordshire Cheese
- Stilton Blue Cheese
- Stilton White Cheese
- Stornoway Black Pudding
- Traditional Ayrshire Dunlop
- Traditional Cumberland Sausage
- Traditional Grimsby Smoked Fish
- Traditional Welsh
Caerphilly/Traditional Welsh
Caerffili

- Welsh (Wine)
- Welsh Beef
- Welsh Lamb
- Welsh Laverbread
- Welsh Regional (Wine)

Kosovo

- English (Wine)
- English Regional (Wine)
- Irish Cream
- Irish Poteen/Irish Poitín
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky

Mexico

- Irish Cream
- Irish Poteen/Irish Poitín

Moldova

- Anglesey Sea Salt/Halen Môn
- Arbroath Smokies
- Armagh Bramley Apples
- Beacon Fell Traditional Lancashire Cheese
- Bonchester Cheese
- Buxton Blue
- Conwy Mussels
- Cornish Clotted Cream
- Cornish Pasty
- Cornish Sardines
- Dorset Blue Cheese
- Dovedale Cheese
- East Kent Goldings
- English (Wine)
- English Regional (Wine)
- Exmoor Blue Cheese
- Fat Oyster
- Fenland Celery
- Gloucestershire Cider
- Gloucestershire Perry
- Herefordshire Cider

- West Country Beef
- West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese
- West Country Lamb
- Yorkshire Wensleydale

- Scotch Whisky
- Somerset Cider Brandy
- Welsh (Wine)
- Welsh Regional (Wine)

- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Scotch Whisky

- Herefordshire Perry
- Irish Cream
- Irish Poteen/Irish Poitín
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Isle of Man Manx Loaghtan Lamb
- Isle of Man Queenies
- Jersey Royal Potatoes
- Kentish Ale
- Kentish Strong Ale
- Lakeland Herdwick
- Lough Neagh Eel
- Melton Mowbray Pork Pie
- Native Shetland Wool
- New Season Comber Potatoes/Comber Earlies
- Newmarket Sausage
- Orkney Beef
- Orkney Lamb
- Orkney Scottish Island Cheddar

- Pembrokeshire
Earlies/Pembrokeshire Early
Potatoes
- Rutland Bitter
- Scotch Beef
- Scotch Lamb
- Scotch Whisky
- Scottish Salmon
- Scottish Wild Salmon
- Shetland Lamb
- Single Gloucester
- Somerset Cider Brandy
- Staffordshire Cheese
- Stilton Blue Cheese
- Stilton White Cheese
- Stornoway Black Pudding
- Swaledale Ewes' Cheese

- Teviotdale Cheese
- Traditional Ayrshire Dunlop
- Traditional Cumberland Sausage
- Traditional Grimsby Smoked Fish
- Welsh (Wine)
- Welsh Beef
- Welsh Lamb
- Welsh Regional (Wine)
- West Country Beef
- West Country Farmhouse Cheddar
Cheese
- West Country Lamb
- Whitstable Oysters
- Worcestershire Cider
- Worcestershire Perry
- Yorkshire Forced Rhubarb
- Yorkshire Wensleyda

Serbia

- Irish Cream
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha
Eireannach/Irish Whisky

- Scotch Whisky

Singapore

- Irish Cream
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha
Eireannach/Irish Whisky

- Scotch Whisky

South Africa

- Irish Cream
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha
Eireannach/Irish Whisky

- Scotch Whisky
- Stilton Blue Cheese
- Stilton White Cheese

South Korea

- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha
Eireannach/Irish Whisky

- Scotch Whisky

Switzerland

- Arbroath Smokies

- Beacon Fell Traditional Lancashire Cheese
- Bonchester Cheese
- Buxton Blue
- Cornish Clotted Cream
- Dorset Blue Cheese
- Dovedale Cheese
- Exmoor Blue Cheese
- Gloucestershire Cider
- Gloucestershire Perry
- Irish Cream
- Irish Poteen/Irish Poitín
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Isle of Man Manx Loaghtan Lamb
- Jersey Royal Potatoes
- Kentish Ale
- Kentish Strong Ale
- Melton Mowbray Pork Pie
- Orkney Beef

- Orkney Lamb
- Rutland Bitter
- Scotch Beef
- Scotch Lamb
- Scotch Whisky
- *Scottish Farmed Salmon
- Shetland Lamb
- Single Gloucester
- Staffordshire Cheese
- Stilton Blue Cheese
- Stilton White Cheese
- Swaledale Ewes' Cheese
- Teviotdale Cheese
- Welsh Beef
- Welsh Lamb
- West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese
- Whitstable Oysters
- Worcestershire Cider
- Worcestershire Perry

Ukraine

- Arbroath Smokies
- Beacon Fell Traditional Lancashire Cheese
- Bonchester Cheese
- Buxton Blue
- Cornish Clotted Cream
- Dorset Blue Cheese
- Dovedale Cheese
- Exmoor Blue Cheese
- Gloucestershire Cider
- Gloucestershire Perry
- Herefordshire Cider
- Herefordshire Perry
- Irish Cream
- Irish Poteen/Irish Poitín
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky
- Jersey Royal Potatoes
- Kentish Ale

- Kentish Strong Ale
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- Scotch Beef
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- Shetland Lamb
- Single Gloucester
- Staffordshire Cheese
- Stilton Blue Cheese
- Stilton White Cheese
- Swaledale Ewes' Cheese
- Teviotdale Cheese
- Welsh Beef
- Welsh Lamb

- West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese
- Whitstable Oysters

- Worcestershire Cider
- Worcestershire Perry

Vietnam

- Irish Cream
- Irish Whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish Whisky

- Scotch Whisky
- *Scottish Farmed Salmon

*GIs marked with an asterisk are in the process of having the name protected updated due to changes in the GI registration in the UK.

