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Dear Selma,

REGISTRATION OF “WEST COUNTRY BEEF” AND “WEST COUNTRY LAMB” AS PROTECTED GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION (PGI) PRODUCTS UNDER THE EU PROTECTED FOOD NAMES (PFN) SCHEME

I am writing to congratulate you on the registration of ‘West Country Beef’ and ‘West Country Lamb’ as PGIs and to remind you of a few formalities following registration. West Country Beef and West Country Lamb have now been added to the European Commission’s register of protected food names as PGIs. This notification was published in the Official Journal of the European Communities on 15/01/2014 (OJ number L10 – Commission Regulation (EU) No 28/2014 and 29/2014 which come into force on 4th February 2014).

As registered products West Country Beef and West Country Lamb must be produced in accordance with the specification agreed under the provisions of Regulation (EU) No. 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, if the registered name is to be used. Copies of the registered specifications are attached (a copy of Regulation (EU) No. 1151/2012 can be found at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:343:0001:0029:en:PDF>).

The registered products are entitled to carry the appropriate indicative logo on its label and in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No. 1151/2012, the logo is required to appear on the product label in the same field of vision as the protected name. The relevant logo and guidance can be downloaded from the [Logo pages of the European Commission Website](#) .

Registration of a protected name gives producers an exclusive right to use that name and logo for their products, however, I should remind you that the right does not remain solely with the producers who made the application in the first place, but can be extended to all producers in the defined area who comply with the conditions of production laid down in the published specification.

Inspections

The nominated inspection agencies for West Country Beef and West Country Lamb are:

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Name: Product Authentication International
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They are required to inspect and verify that the manufacturing process meets with that set by the registered specification. The arrangements for inspection is a matter for agreement between the producer, and the inspection body. However, the regulation requires inspection agencies to carry out inspections in accordance with European standard EN 45011 or ISO/IEC guide 65.

It may be possible to amend the specification of a registered product at a later date should this become necessary, in particular to take account of scientific or technical knowledge or to redefine the geographical area. Please let me know if this applies to West Country Beef or West Country Lamb at any time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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