

**Question for written answer E-015801/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protection of PDOs in the TTIP negotiations

The Commission recently expressed its intention to include in the negotiations on the trade agreement with the USA the protection of 17 European designations of origin for wines and spirits which are under threat.

Without wishing to belittle the importance of securing assurances on the protection of these 17 denominations of origin (PDOs) in a segment so vital for European agriculture as the wine industry, it is surprising that the Commission has limited itself to just 17 PDOs from one segment of the agricultural sector which, despite boasting the most PDOs, is not the only one, with there being many PDOs in other segments whose protection should also be assured through these negotiations.

What negotiating strategy is the Commission adopting in limiting to an initial 17 the number of PDOs meriting protection?

Is it reckoning on the final number of PDOs for European wines and spirits being under 17?

How many PDOs for oil, cheese and other products apart from wine will the Commission include in the negotiations so as to ensure that these also receive protection and are recognised in the USA?