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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Agri-Food products, including wine, spirit drinks and products from fishing, as well as animal feed products and fertilisers.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

One of the basic objectives of this Act is to develop and add value to Agri-food products of distinguished quality, promoting geographic quality designations (designations of origin and protected geographical indications) and other provisions for the protection of distinguished quality, such as the products of organic farming and integrated production; or food craft, whose basic legislation is laid down in this Act.

In this regard, the text lays down the basic characteristics products must meet in order to be called 'hand-made'. Two specific categories must also be established within the definition of these products: 'Hand-made Mountain Products' and 'Home-made products'.

Furthermore, the Act lays down a series of obligations to be met by Agri-food industries, along the lines of that laid down in the white paper on food safety, in order to ensure that quality and traceability are guaranteed.

Key words: Promotion of Agri-food Quality, guarantee of Agri-food quality, food craft.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aim of this Act is to be a tool to improve the quality of Agri-food products in the Autonomous Community of Galicia, laying down the bases in order that this quality is achieved through fair competition between all Agri-food operators, laying down obligations for these leading to the guarantee of quality and creating conditions for the development of the production of food with distinguished quality.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No.
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