**Overview of national rules on**

**mandatory country of origin labelling**

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| **Country** | **Scope** | **Description** | **Notification date** | **Entry into force** | **Additional info** | **FoodDrinkEurope comments** |
| **Italy** | Rice  | It is understood that Italy has started working at a decree on mandatory origin labelling for rice.  |  |  |  |  |
| **Spain** | Milk and dairy products | Spain has prepared a draft national measure on origin labelling for milk and dairy products.See **FCP/INCO/013/17E**.  | Not notified yet.  |  |  |  |
| **Italy** | Durum wheat and semolina in pasta | Italy has prepared a draft national measure on origin labelling for durum wheat and semolina in pasta | Not notified yet. |  | The measure has been sent to the Commission for a first evaluation, but it has not been formally notified yet.  |  |
| **Romania** | Milk and dairy products | Romania has started working at a new measure on origin labelling for milk and dairy | Not notified yet.  |  |  |  |
| **Finland**  | Milk, milk used as an ingredient in certain dairy products, meat used as ingredient  | The draft decree:* Requires the indication of the “country of rearing (Member State or third country)” and “country of slaughter (Member State or third country)” of beef, swine, sheep, goat and poultry meat used as ingredient (some flexibility is allowed in certain cases);
* Requires the indication of the “country of milking: (Member State or third country)” for milk and milk used as an ingredient in dairy products indicated in the annex to the decree (some flexibility is allowed in certain cases).

The draft decree is presented as an experiment limited in time. **See FCP/INCO/091/16E** | Originally notified on 29 September 2016. The Commission did not raise any objection within the deadline (mid-January 2017).  | The decree will come into force on 1 June 2017 and it will apply until 31 May 2019.  | Discussed in the Standing Committee of 10 October 2016 **(see FCP/INCO/093/16E FCP/INCO/097/16E)** |  |
| **Greece** | Rabbit meat | For rabbit meat, pre-packaged or not, a mandatory indication of the “country of slaughter” is mandatory. The draft decree is supposedly temporary (2 years). **See FCP/INCO/087/16E-Rev.1** | Date of notification unknownThe EC has not raised any objections within the deadline (end of December 2016). | Unknown – expected soon | This draft decree has been discussed in the Standing Committee of 10 October 2016 **(see FCP/INCO/093/16E; FCP/INCO/097/16E)** |  |
| **Greece** | Milk and milk used as ingredient in dairy products | The draft decree requires the labelling of the country of milking, processing and packaging of milk and milk as an ingredient in dairy products. However, under certain conditions, it allows to use the indications "Origin: (name of country)", and "EU" or "Outside the EU". The draft decree is not presented as an experiment limited in time.**See FCP/INCO/087/16E – Rev.1**.  | Date of notification unknownThe EC has not raised any objections within the deadline (end of December 2016). | Unknown | This draft decree has been discussed in the Standing Committee of 10 October 2016 **(see FCP/INCO/093/16E; FCP/INCO/097/16E)** |  |
| **Romania** | Milk and dairy products | The Law requires the country of origin and the place of provenance of raw milk, which is raw material for consumption. It also lays down conditions for the use of the indication "Romanian product" and makes it mandatory to indicate the percentage of milk powder used in dairy products.**See FCP/INCO/003/17E-Rev.1** | Notified on 20 February 2017 (art. 45 FIC Regulation)Discussed in the Standing Committee of March 2017 | 3 August 2016However, lacking the notification to the EC, the provisions have been put “on hold”  | Further to this, legislation on food marketing was adopted in Romania. Amongst others, this legislation would oblige supermarkets to dedicate at least 51% of their shelves to food from short supply chains. It would also include rules on origin labelling for meat. Also in this case, the rules on origin labelling have been put “on hold”, lacking the notification to the EC.**See FCP/INCO/078/16E**It is understood that the Commission has started an infringement procedure against this law.  | * **E-mail to the European Commission (DG SANTE and DG GROW)**
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| **Portugal** | Milk and milk used in dairy products | The draft decree requires the indication of the “Country of milking” and of the “Country of processing” for milk or milk used in dairy products. The possibility of only indicating “EU”, “non EU”, “EU and non EU” is given in certain cases. The originally notified decree was not an experiment, although a report on its application was to be submitted to the EC.**See FCP/INCO/074/16E** | 27 July 2016 (Article 45 of 1169/2011)Following the discussions in the Standing Committee the decree has been modified and notified again. The Commission did not raise any objections by the deadline (mid-January 2017).  | Unknown – expected soon  | * Earlier in 2016, the Portuguese authorities attempted to introduce mandatory origin labelling rules for pork meat.
* This draft decree has been discussed in the Standing Committee of 13-14 September 2016 **(FCP/INCO/090/16E-Rev.1)**
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| **Lithuania** | Milk and milk used as ingredient in certain dairy products | The draft order lays down a list of milk products (milk, kefir, sour milk, cream, sour cream, quark, white cheese) for which declaration of the country of origin of milk contained as an ingredient is mandatory on labelling. The decree is presented as an experiment limited in time. A report on its application is to be submitted to the EC by 30 September 2018.**See FCP/INCO/070/16E** | 13 July 2016(notified under Art. 45 of 1169/2011)The EC did not raised objections by the deadline of 14 October 2016. It is understood that the decree has been adopted.  | Expected: beginning (?) 2017 (until 31 December 2018) | * Follows an earlier attempt (TRIS notification number **2015/465/LT**, [link](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/index.cfm/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2015&num=465&mLang=en&CFID=680885&CFTOKEN=5905efc10ce935bf-2662FFF6-A64E-3E41-AF720F61216997CA))
* Has been discussed in the Standing Committee of 13-14 September 2016 **(FCP/INCO/090/16E-Rev.1)**
 | * **FCP/INCO/069/15E, Annex 2**
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| **Italy** | Milk and milk used in dairy products | The draft decree requires the mandatory indication of the country of milking, packaging and processing of the milk (some flexibility is allowed in certain cases).The decree is presented as an experiment limited in time. A report on its application is to be submitted to the EC by 31 December 2018.**See FCP/INCO/114/16E-Rev.2** | 24 June 2016 (under Art. 45 of 1169/2011)The draft decree was modified and further notified to the EC on 13 July 2016. The EC did not raised objections by the deadline of 14 October 2016.The decree has been adopted on 9 December 2016.  | 90 days from the publication on the Italian Official Journal ([link](http://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/atto/serie_generale/caricaDettaglioAtto/originario?atto.dataPubblicazioneGazzetta=2017-01-19&atto.codiceRedazionale=17A00291&elenco30giorni=false)) (until 31 March 2019) | This draft decree was discussed in the Standing Committee of 13-14 September 2016 **(FCP/INCO/090/16E-Rev.1)** | * **FCP/INCO/062/16E**
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| **France** | Milk, milk used as ingredient, meat used as ingredient  | The French decree foresees rules on mandatory origin labelling for milk, milk used as ingredient in certain dairy products and meat used as ingredient. The list of the dairy products and of the species of meat to which the decree applies can be found in Annex I to the decree.The decree is presented as an experiment limited in time. An assessment of this experiment will be carried out and a report will be sent to the Commission. The decree is accompanied by an Arrêté setting the thresholds above which the origin indication is mandatory. **See FCP/INCO/082/16E-Rev.1** | 5 March 2016 (under Art. 45 of 1169/2011)The Commission did not raise objections to the decree within the set deadline.The decree was published on the national Official Journal on 21 August 2016The accompanying Arrêté was published on the French Official Journal on 30 September 2016 (**See FCP/INCO/082/16E-Rev.1)** | 1 January 2017 (until 31 December 2018) |  | * FCP/INCO/026/16E-Final
* FCP/INCO/062/16E
* C&I/003/16E
* Various e-mails to cabinets and DGs
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**Previous notifications of national rules on mandatory origin labelling under the TRIS system (discontinued)**

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| **Country** | **Year** | **Scope** | **TRIS notification number** |
| **Switzerland** | 2015 | Country of production and the origin of the main raw materials on every foodstuff | 2015/9504/CH ([link](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2015&num=9504)) |
| **Lithuania** | 2015 | Milk and milk products | 2015/465/LT ([link](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/index.cfm/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2015&num=465&mLang=en&CFID=680885&CFTOKEN=5905efc10ce935bf-2662FFF6-A64E-3E41-AF720F61216997CA)) |
| **Hungary** | 2014 | Milk and butter products | 2014/647/HU ([link](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2014&num=647)) |
| **Italy** | 2012 | Milk and milk products | 2012/629/I ([link](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2012&num=629)) |