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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

PAKISTAN: THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (REGISTRATION AND PROTECTION) ACT, 2020
(ACT NO. XVIII, 2020)

Notifying Member	PAKISTAN
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	The Geographical Indications (Registration and Protection) Act, 2020 (ACT No. XVIII, 2020)
Subject matter	Geographical indications
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/PAK/20_5782_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	Not applicable
Brief description of the notified legal text	
It is necessary to recognize and protect the geographical indications of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for public interest and advance the economic reform and development of the least-developed areas of Pakistan. The law will provide the legal means for interested parties to prevent the use of any means in the designation or presentation of goods that indicate or suggest that the goods in question originate in a geographical area. It will also prevent any use which constitutes an act of unfair competition within the meaning of Article 22 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	31 March 2020
Other date	Publication: Date of publication in the official gazette - 31 March 2020

Notification details

Submission date of notification	25 September 2020
Other information	
Agency or authority responsible	Pre-registration matters pertain to the Ministry of Commerce under Sec-11, 13 & 25 etc. of the law. All registration matters pertain to IPO-Pakistan. Their websites with contact details therein are given below: www.commerce.gov.pk/ http://www.ipo.gov.pk/

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