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

Original: English

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

TONGA: PROTECTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT -  
CHAPTER 17.12 - 2020 REVISED EDITION

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| <b>Notifying Member</b> | TONGA |
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**Details of the notified legal text**

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| <b>Title</b>   | Protection of Geographical Indications Act - Chapter 17.12 - 2020 Revised Edition  |
| <b>Subject matter</b>  | Geographical indications   |
| <b>Nature of notification</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation   |
| <b>Link to legal text*</b>   | <a href="https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/TON/22_4407_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/TON/22_4407_00_e.pdf</a>  |
| <b>Notification status</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> First notification<br><input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s) |
| <b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>  | <a href="#">IP/N/1/TON/G/1</a>   |
| <b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>  |  |
| An Act to make provision for the protection of geographical indications. This Act provides for the protection of any natural or agricultural product or any product of handicraft or industry originating in a given territory where a given quality, reputation or other characteristic of the good is essentially attributable to its geographical origin. |  |
| <b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>  | English  |
| <b>Entry into force</b>  | 1 September 2008   |
| <b>Other date</b>  |  |

**Notification details**

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| <b>Submission date of notification</b> | 29 June 2022 |
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| <b>Other information</b>               |  |
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