

Legal framework

Below is a list of legal texts concerning trade mark, indications of source and geographical indications:

Swiss legislation

Please note that an **English translation is provided where available**. Where a translation is not available, only the German version is linked below. In this instance, you can also access the French and Italian versions by clicking through to the German version.

- Federal Act on the Protection of Trade Marks and Indications of Source (Trade Mark Protection Act, TmPA)
- Ordinance on the Protection of Trade Marks and Indications of Source (Trade Mark Ordinance, MSchV)
- Ordinance on the Use of Swiss Indications of Source for Foodstuffs (HasLV)
- Ordinance of the EAER on the Use of Swiss Indications of Source for Foodstuffs (HasLV-WBF)
- Ordinance on the Protection of Designations of Origin and Geographical Indications for Agricultural Products, Processed Agricultural Products, Forestry Products and Processed Forestry Products (PDO/PGI Ordinance)
- EAER Ordinance on the Minimum Requirements for Control Procedures of Protected Designations of Origin and Geographical Indications (Ordinance on the Control of PDOs and PGIs)
- Ordinance on the Use of the Name "Swiss" for Watches ("Swiss Made" Ordinance for Watches)
- Ordinance on the Register for Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications for Non-Agricultural Products (PAO/PGI Ordinance for Non-Agricultural Products)
- Ordinance on the Use of Swiss Indications of Source for Cosmetic Products
- Federal Act on the Protection of the Swiss Coat of Arms and Other Public Signs (Coat of Arms Protection Act, CAPA)
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European legislation

- › EU Directives to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks (PDF)
- › Council Regulation on the Community trade mark (CTMR) (PDF)
- › European Union trade mark implementing regulation (EUTMIR) (PDF)
- › EU agricultural product quality policy (PDOs and PGIs)

International legislation

- › Madrid Agreement for the Repression of False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods
- › Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property as Revised at Stockholm on 14 July 1967
- › TRIPS Agreement (Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, Annex 1C) (PDF)
- › Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications
- › Treaty of 7 March 1967 between the Swiss Confederation and the Federal Republic of Germany on the Protection of Indications of Source and Other Geographical Denominations (with protocol, annexes and exchange of letters; SR 0.232.111.191.36)
- › Treaty of 9 April 1974 between the Swiss Confederation and the Spanish State on the Protection of Indications of Source, Appellations of Origin and Similar Denominations (with protocol, annexes and exchange of letters; SR 0.232.111.193.32)
- › Treaty of 14 May 1974 between the Swiss Confederation and the French Republic on the Protection of Indications of Source, Appellations of Origin and Other Geographical Denominations (with protocol, annexes and exchange of letters; SR 0.232.111.193.49)
- › Treaty of 14 December 1979 between the Swiss Confederation and the Hungarian People's Republic on the Protection of Indications of Source, Appellations of Origin and Other Geographical Denominations (with protocol and annexes; SR 0.232.111.194.18)
- › Agreement of 23 September 2013 between the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation and the Government of Jamaica concerning the Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications (with annexes; SR 0.232.111.194.58)
- › Treaty of 16 September 1977 between the Swiss Confederation and the Portuguese Republic on the Protection of Indications of Source, Appellations of Origin and Similar Denominations (with protocol and annexes; SR 0.232.111.196.54)
- › Agreement of 29 April 2010 between the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation and the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the Protection of Geographical Indications and Appellations of Origin (with annexes; SR 0.232.111.196.65)
- › Treaty of 16 November 1973 between the Swiss Confederation and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on the Protection of Indications of Source, Appellations of Origin and Other Geographical Denominations (with protocol and annexes; SR 0.232.111.197.41)