

**Department of Science & Technology
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh**

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N O T I F I C A T I O N

The Governor of Himachal Pradesh is pleased to declare the following **Policy for the Registration and Protection of Geographical Indications of Goods in Himachal Pradesh**. The Governor is further pleased to order that all the Govt./ Semi Govt. Departments including Corporations, Universities, Boards, Manufacturers & Associations will follow the GI Policy

1. In Himachal Pradesh, the Geographical Indications will be protected under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 of Govt. of India and the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection Rules, 2002).
2. H.P. Patent Information Centre (HPPIC) established in the State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, H.P., B-34, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla –171009 (Website : <http://www.himachal.nic.in/hpscste/welcome.htm>) by Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India will be the nodal agency for the protection of Intellectual Property Rights and Geographical Indications i.e traditional/ natural/ manufactured/ agricultural/ horticultural products and goods in the State.
 - 2.1 The H.P. Patent Information Centre will identify Geographical Indication (GI's) of H.P. in consultation with concerned organizations/associations/scientific institutions/concerned Govt. Departments and individuals experts.
 - 2.2 Scientists from State Universities, and Central Govt. organizations like CSIR, ICAR Institutions or any other concerned institution will also be associated for authenticating the data by latest scientific update and uniqueness on various G.I. products.
 - 2.3 H.P. Patent Information Centre of the State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, H.P. will file the applications for registration of G.Is. on behalf of any association of persons, producers, organization in the State of H.P. with the Registrar, Geographical Indications Registry, Guna Complex, Annexe 1, First Floor, No. 443, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai – 600 018.
3. HPPIC State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, H.P. will bear only the costs for registration of GI's under G.I. Act – 1999 filed through HPPIC. Any cost arising for litigation related to Infringement of GI is to be borne by concerned associations/ manufacturers/authorized users of registered GI.

4. A State level committee for the protection, registration of GI's and related issues is constituted as follows:
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| 1. | Secretary, Science & Technology, Govt. of H.P. | Chairman |
| 2. | Member Secretary (EC), State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, H.P. | Member |
| 3. | Principal CCF, Department of Forests, HP | Member |
| 4. | The Director, Industries, Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 5. | The Director, Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 6. | The Director, Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 7. | The Director, Ayurveda, HP | Member |
| 8. | The Director, Food & Supplies Department, HP | Member |
| 9. | The Director, Language, Art & Culture, HP | Member |
| 10. | Representatives of manufacturers of Geographical Indications being applied for. | Member(s) |
| 11. | Two expert nominees from Scientific Institutions in the concerned field. | Member(s) |
| 12. | Dr. S.S. Chandel, Principal Scientific Officer & co-ordinator of H.P. Patent Information Centre State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, H.P. Shimla. | Convener |

5.1 Tasks of Committee:

- The committee will review the policy and related issues for registration of GIs from time to time.
- The Committee will take necessary steps for the implementation of policy guidelines and the protection of goods as agricultural goods, natural goods or manufactured in region of geographical origin in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
- The committee will constitute ,or identify such inspection body as may be required to ensure quality of GI

By order

Secretary (Science & Technology)
to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. As above.

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1. The Advisor, Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), Deptt. of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi – 110 016
2. The Registrar, Geographical Indications Registry, Guna Complex, Annexe 1, First Floor, No. 443, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai – 600 018.
3. All the Heads of Govt. Departments, H.P.
4. All the Managing Directors, Corporations.
5. All the Vice-Chancellors of three Universities in H.P.
6. All concerned Associations/ Societies of Identified GI's of H. P.
7. All Heads of State & Govt. of India, Scientific Institutions located in Himachal Pradesh.