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to the Commission**

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Subject: Protection of geographical indications

Can the Commission give an estimate of the increased added value to local economies from the recognition of European geographical indications (GIs) in the EU's external trade agreements?

How many of the EU's trade agreements protect GIs originating in the UK, and how many British products are explicitly protected by GIs?

Would British GIs continue to enjoy protection in third countries and within the EU if the UK were to leave the EU?