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**LA TUTELA INTERNAZIONALE
DELLE INDICAZIONI GEOGRAFICHE DEI PRODOTTI AGROALIMENTARI**

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Australian EU free trade agreement

Australia potentially broadening its horizons in the geographical indication field

ABSTRACT

Australia's earliest uses of geographical indications as part of its law was in 1993 but those first forays were limited to wine geographical indications.

Australia has now commenced negotiations with the European Union on a Free Trade Agreement in which the protection of the European Union agri-food geographical indications is a key element from the perspective of the European Union.

The Australian government and its Intellectual Property Office is grappling with how Australia might introduce an agri-food geographical indications system and has been seeking input from the public and other interested parties.

The questions raised in the creation of an entirely new system are broad and many are covered in this paper.