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Notice

During the meeting the Malta Beekeepers' Association [MBA] had with the Agricultural Directorate officials on the "Product of Quality" National Scheme [PQNS] on the 10th April 2019 at the ARPA (paying Agency) there was an agreement on various deliverables from both sides. The MBA has already delivered the latest document.

The MBA and Għaqda Produtturi tal-Għasel Malti are in agreement on the latest amendments carried out by the MBA on 5th August 2018 with no changes from those accepted by our members mainly including:

- The reference to the local honey bee ecotype naturally distributed within the same territorial unit *Apis mellifera ruttneri* and its variants.
- The inclusion of the traditional beehive "qolla" for eligibility.
- The addition of comb, chunk, drained, extracted, and pressed honey to be eligible for eligibility.
- The change of the free acid to not more than 40meq/1000g at the time of harvesting.

We are pleased to inform you that the PQNS will soon be available for public consultation once the we give a reply on the pending proposed amendments by the Agricultural Directorate. Soon after, this will be sent for the endorsement of the European Commission.

This is being considered as a stepping stone for the establishment of the Product of Designated Origin for the Maltese Honey.



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Avviż

Waqt il-laqqgħa li l-Malta Beekeepers' Association [MBA] kellha mad-Direttorat tal-Agrikultura fuq il-Marka tal-Kwalita' [PQNS] fl-10 t' April 2019 ġewwa l- ARPA (paying Agency) kien hemm ftehim fuq twettiq ta' xogħol miż-żewġ naħat. L-MBA diġa bagħtet l-aħħar dokumenti li ntabbet.

L-MBA u l-Għaqda Produtturi tal-Għasel Malti qed jaqblu fuq l-aħħar emendi illi saru mill-MBA fil-5 t'Awwissu 2018 bla ebda tibdil minn kif ġew aċċettati mill-membri tagħna fejn principarjament jinkludu:

- Referenza għan-naħla Maltija *Apis mellifera ruttneri* u l-varjanti tagħha fl-istess territorju ta' fejn jsir l-għasel.
- L-inklużjoni tal-qolla għall-eliġibilta' tal-marka.
- L-inklużjoni ta' comb, chunk, drained, extracted, and pressed honey għall-eliġibilta' tal-marka.
- Il-bidla f'parametru *free acid* għal mhux iktar minn 40meq/1000g fil-mument tal-qtugħ tal-għasel.

Bi pjaċir ninfurmawkom illi d-dokument tal-Marka tal-Kwalita' mistenni joħroġ għall-konsultazzjoni pubblika hekk kif l-MBA twieġeb ful il-proposta pendent min-naħa tad-Direttorat tal-Agrikultura. Wara dan, id-dokument mistenni jintbghat għal deċiżjoni mill-Kummissjoni Ewropea.

Dan ix-xogħol huwa pass 'il quddiem għat-twaqqif ta' l-Għasel Malti bħala prodott marbut mal-orijini tiegħu.