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Needs for further legal research on Geographical Indications

1. The stakes

- Lack of harmonisation, both at the national and international levels
 - Harmonisation of the systems
 - Harmonisation of the registrations
- Mix between agricultural and IP laws, institutions and policies
- Strong disputes at the international level on the very principles
- Globalization of GI products
- Risk of confusion

2. The questions

- Nature of GIs
- Justifications for the legal protection = guidelines for the recognition of GIs
- Ownership / Role of the State
- Rights of consumers
- Legal issues related to certification
- Relations to TK, genetic resources and folklore