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Geographical indications (GIs) are perceived as guarantees of authenticity or quality, and are valuable tools for producers and consumers in the food and drink industry. They allow producers to protect their reputation and facilitate investment in premium products, while ensuring that consumers are not misled. Since UK GIs are protected under EU legislation, Brexit means that the future for UK GIs in the UK and internationally (and indeed for EU GIs in the UK) is uncertain. This article explores the UK Government's plans to establish a national GI scheme and how this will interact with the protection afforded by the EU.

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