

A. FAQ on “Authorised Users”

1. Who can apply for Authorized User of a GI?

Ans: Any person, who produces, makes, manufacturers, trades, packages or dealing with a Registered Geographical Indications can apply for Registration as an authorized user of that GI.

2. What is the benefit of registration of authorized user for a GI?

Ans: The registration of authorized user will authenticate the genuine nature of the GI they are producing or trading in all market and help them fetch premium price.

3. What are the duties of an authorized user?

Ans: The authorized user must conform to all the regulating criteria (present and future) relating to specification, description and quality as set forth in the GI application of the respective items for which the authorized user is registered.

4. What are the fees of registration of authorized user?

Ans: The registration fees are Rs.10 only per authorized user.

5. How long is the validity of authorized user registration?

Ans: The registration of authorized user is valid for a period of 10 years. Also, renewal after every 10 years.

6. What are the forms required for authorized user protection registration?

Ans: Form 3A

7. What other documents are required to be submitted for authorized user protection?

Ans:

- Statement of Case
- No objection letter from the Registered Proprietor
- Aadhar Card/ Voter ID card
- Artisan Card

8. What is the course of action once the application for registration of authorized user has been filed?

Ans: The Application will be examined and if found to be in order the same will be published in the ensuing Geographical Indications Journal. If no notice of opposition is filed within the four months of publication of the Journal or when the opposition has been dismissed and the appeal period of three months is over, the Application shall be registered and entered in the Part – B of the GI Register. The applicant will be issued an authorized user certificate.

9. Can the registration of Authorized user be opposed?

Ans: Yes, any person may file an opposition against Registration of Authorized User within four months of publication of the Application in the GI Journal.

10. What happens when a consent letter as required from the Registered Proprietor is not enclosed with the Application?

Ans: When a consent letter as required from the Registered Proprietor is not enclosed with the Application, the Applicant shall endorse a copy of Application to the Registered Proprietor and the proof of service of the same should be provided to the Registrar. The Registrar may in addition seek consent of the Registered Proprietor before proceeding further on the matter.