

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2081/92

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION: Art. 5 ( ) Art. 17 (X)

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National application No: .....

1. **Responsible department in the Member State:**  
Name: Institut National des Appellations d'Origine  
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2. **Applicant group:**  
(a) Name: Groupement des Producteurs de Lentilles Vertes du Puy  
(b) Address: Immeuble interconsulaire - 16 bd Bertrand - BP 63 - 43000 Le Puy en Velay  
(c) Composition: producer/processor (X) other ( )
3. **Name of product:** LENTILLE VERTE DU PUY
4. **Type of product:** (see list) Class 1-6 Vegetables
5. **Specification:**  
(summary of requirements under Art. 4(2))
  - (a) name: (see 3)
  - (b) description: Seed 3.25 to 5.75 mm in diameter, with dark greenish-blue mottling on a pale green background, a thin seed-coat and a non-mealy kernel
  - (c) geographical area: Some of the communes in the department of Haute-Loire
  - (d) proof of origin: The discovery in 1828 of a terra cotta Gallo-Roman vase containing lentils proved that Le Puy green lentils were present in the Haute-Loire region at that period. There are many writings which describe lentils as an essential crop of the Le Puy region and which attest to their fame. Le Puy lentils have also been celebrated in song, poetry and story. Le Puy green lentils received "designation of origin" status by judgment of 17 January 1935.
  - (e) method of production: Le Puy green lentils must belong to the Anicia line obtained from the Lens Esculenta Puyensis variety. No application of major fertilisers is authorized during the crop year. Irrigation is forbidden. Le Puy green lentils are harvested before they are fully ripe, at a diameter of 3.25 to 5.75 mm.
  - (f) link: The climate (summer drought, big difference in temperature between day and night) is a prime factor in obtaining highly characteristic green lentils which are only slightly mealy, stay firm when cooked and are small in size. The volcanic soil accentuates their qualities.
  - (g) inspection body: I.N.A.O. 138, Champs Elysees 75008 Paris  
D.G.C.C.R.F. 59, Bd V. Auriol 75703 Paris Cedex 13
  - (h) labelling: The labelling of lentils with the registered designation of origin "Lentille verte du Puy" includes the words "Lentille verte du Puy" and "Appellation d'origine contrôlée" or "AOC".
  - (i) national requirements: Decree of 7 August 1996

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSION**

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