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Summary

The aim of the paper is to answer whether Polish law properly implements the obligations set out in Regulations (EU) No 1151/2012 and 882/2004 (EC) to provide for appropriate protection measures for the quality systems (i.e. protected denomination of origin (PDO), protected geographical indications (PGI) and traditional specialities guaranteed (TSG)). It analyses the measures of protection available under Polish laws, including the provisions on the control of products marked as PDO, PGI or TSG, competent control bodies, and the administrative and criminal penalties and the civil law instruments to be used in the event of a breach of the registered designations. Following the recommendations of Regulation (EU) 1151/2012 there is a system of two types of official control in Poland: at the request of the producer (exercised by the State authorities through voivodeship inspectors of commercial quality of agri-food products and authorised private certification bodies), and an *ex officio* control (carried out by the Inspection of Commercial Quality of Agri-Food Products).