

Geographical Indications and Feni ~ A Stakeholder Meeting

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GROUP A: LEGAL ISSUES IN PROTECTING *FENI*

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QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

- As products like *Feni* can be protected in India by different intellectual property rights, what are the reasons to favour GIs? And, if not GIs, should the decision be to use trademarks?
- What are the key features of *Feni* that must be included in the technical specifications for intellectual property protection?
 - Are there particular requirements about the *caju* apple, its harvesting and transportation? What about the areas from where the *caju* is sourced?
 - Are there any requirements concerning *caju* plantations and/or the areas where *caju* apples can be picked for *Feni*?
 - What distillation steps of *Feni* should be included? Should the specifications include requirements for the location of the still, the source of water and the equipment used in distilling *Feni*? Are there any other relevant production steps, like other possible ingredients?
 - Should the specifications also include requirements for a particular *grau* or a range; if so, what will that be?
- Are there any post-distillation steps in the production of *Feni* that need to be included in the technical specifications?
- What about storage, mixing and blending, and bottling of *Feni*? Should there be requirements for each of the post-distillation stages?

