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Certification Mark

Principal Register

Interprofession du Gruyère (SWITZERLAND Registered Association)
La Maison du Gruyère, Case postale 12
Pringy, SWITZERLAND 1662

CLASS A: Cheese

FIRST USE 00-00-2001; IN COMMERCE 00-00-2001

The mark consists of the term "LE GRUYÈRE SWITZERLAND" in a stylized font. The term "SWITZERLAND" appears within a solid bar directly under "LE GRUYÈRE". To the right appears a stylized square containing the letters "AOC" and a stylized Swiss cross.

No claim is made to the exclusive right to use the following apart from the mark as shown: "SWITZERLAND" AND "AOC"

The English translation of "LE" in the mark is "THE".

The certification mark, as used by persons authorized by the certifier, certifies that the cheese originates in the Gruyere region of Switzerland including the cantons of Fribourg, Vaud, Neuchatel, Jura, and the districts of Courtelary, La Neuveville, Moutier, and the communes of Ferenbalm, Guggisberg, Muhleberg, Munchenwiler, Ruschegg and Schwarzenburg of the canton of Bern, with exception of the geographic territory of the former commune of Albligen.

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