
A non-profit association created in 2002

CNAOL represents all dairy “ODGs”, associations that defend the interests of French Controlled Designations of Origin and Protected Designations of Origin (*Appellations d’Origine Contrôlée/AOC* and *Appellations d’Origine Protégée/AOP* in French, referring to the French and European certifications respectively).

**Nearly 17,000 dairy producers
230,000 tonnes of cheese, butter and cream
Approximately 17% of matured cheeses**

The Controlled Designation of Origin (AOC) label identifies an agricultural raw material or transformed product that has a distinctive character due to its geographical origin. An AOC protects French products of duly established reputation. The conditions for producing AOC products result from a specific culture and history (the constant, rigorous use of local practices), as set out in a decree. Producers who wish to obtain an AOC must write to the National Institute of Designations of Origin (INAO), a government agency in charge of all agri food AOCs (as defined by French law on 2 July 1990).

Each AOC is managed by an “ODG” (a non-profit association as defined by 1901 French law, 1883 union law or other laws) representing the different industry partners: milk producers, farmers, manufacturers, cooperatives and cheesemakers.

CNAOL works in close cooperation with French authorities and INAO, as well as European authorities.

MISSIONS AND FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Ensure essential coordination between its members and provide them with assistance and support on different issues (e.g. regulatory, technical and legal issues).

Defend and promote the AOC/PDO (Appellation d’Origine Contrôlée/Protected Designation of Origin) concept in France and abroad. In cooperation with CNIEL, CNAOL carries out consumer information campaigns aiming to promote AOC values and raise awareness of the European PDO logo.

CNAOL works alongside its European peers and intervenes vis-à-vis European Union authorities. It defends the specific features of French dairy AOCs, which contribute to maintaining French rural activity and boosting economic development.

CNAOL is an active member of the Organization for an International Geographical Indications Network (oriGIn). OriGIn works to defend and raise international awareness of geographic indications.

Actively participate in scientific and technical action to promote the quality and distinctive nature of AOC cheeses.

GOVERNING BODIES

Chair
Dominique Chambon

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PUBLICATIONS

CNAOL regularly communicates different signs of quality to professionals, and its positions and actions to the French administration.



CNAOL's newsletter
presents its activities

(available on:
www.fromages-aop.com)

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