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## Plea to keep 'Cornish' in pasty

**A website has been set up to help safeguard an important part of Cornwall's heritage.**

The Cornish Pasty Association (CPA) set up the site with the aim of giving the world-renowned delicacy geographical protection.

The CPA was formed by about 40 pasty makers to protect the quality and reputation of the humble "oggy".

It fears consumers may be misled by producers trading off the value of the name without producing a genuine pasty.

The association has submitted an application to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) to seek Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status for the Cornish pasty.

If that is granted, the application will then be sent to the European Commission for final approval.

Once PCI status is given, it means only pasties made in Cornwall in a traditional manner can legally be called "Cornish" pasties.

CPA spokeswoman Angie Coombs said some products were not made properly and it was important to protect the pasty.

"Some of these products are inferior in both quality and taste and over time will erode the reputation of the Cornish pasty with consumers," said Mrs Coombs.

"We're so close to gaining ministerial support it's a great time



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Angie Coombs

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to drum up some more members so that as many Cornish pasty makers as possible benefit from the PGI when it is approved."

The CPA is inviting people to pledge support for its campaign via the new website.

It is also distributing leaflets and posters around Cornwall to raise awareness with the public and other local pasty makers.

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