Melaka Dodol is a confection made from mature coconut milk, palm sugar and glutinous rice. Melaka Dodol is special because it lasts longer than dodol from elsewhere as only a small quantity of coconut milk is used in its making. Despite this, it retains a rich and sweet taste. Melaka Dodol also has a delicate texture as finely grated glutinous rice that has been previously soaked is used. Melaka Dodol is of a brownish hue as it uses original palm sugar and not brown or artificial sugar.

In order to make Melaka Dodol, glutinous rice is first soaked and then blended until smooth. Coconut milk is extracted from grated coconut in three stages: pressing it without added water, then pressing it with a little water and finally pressing it with a large quantity of water. Next, the coconut milk and blended glutinous rice are sieved so that the mixture is smooth and contains no lumps. The mixture is then cooked over a slow heat and stirred continuously until partially cooked. Following this, additional coconut milk, palm sugar and a little refined sugar are added. The cooking process takes at least 4 hours.

Melaka Dodol is a signature dish of the state of Melaka. The uniqueness of this dodol is that less coconut milk is used compared to dodol from other states, but it still retains a rich, sweet taste. It has a more natural aroma compared to dodol from other places where pandanus or palm leaves are used. It also retains a natural colour due to the use of palm sugar instead of brown sugar.

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**Geographical Indication Fiche**

**Name**
Melaka Dodol

**Country**
Malaysia

**Date of registration:**
31/03/2015

**Main characteristics/features**

Melaka Dodol is available throughout the entire state of Melaka, which consists of three districts and four local authorities.

**Geographical area**

**Production/processing**

**Link between product and territory**

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**Competent authority**
Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO)

**GI rights holder/GI association**
Economic Planning Unit (EPU) Department of Chief Minister of Melaka

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**Type of product**
Foodstuff/Confectionary

**Control body**

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