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The Scotch Whisky Regulations 2008

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Directive 98/34/EC

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

UK

3. Department Responsible

Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS)

3. Originating Department

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

4. Notification Number

2008/43/UK – C50A

5. Title



The Scotch Whisky Regulations 2008

6. Products Concerned

Scotch Whisky

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The proposed Scotch Whisky Regulations 2008 will:

- i) define Scotch Whisky and, by reference to that definition, lay down strict rules on the manufacture and marketing of whisky as Scotch Whisky;
- (ii) make it compulsory for Scotch Whisky to be marketed by reference to the category into which it falls. This is dependent on whether the whisky is a single or blended whisky and whether it has just been produced using malted barley.
- iii) prohibit the export of Single Malt Scotch Whisky from Scotland except in a bottle or ceramic container labelled for retail sale (1% of total Scotch Whisky exports by volume) and prohibit export of Single Grain, Blended Malt Blended Grain or Blended in a wooden cask or wooden container unless these are lined with inert material such as plastic;
- iv) impose requirements relating to the use of distillery and distillers names, the use of supplementary geographical indications, the use of the words 'pure' and 'malt', references to the year of distillation and the use of age and maturation statements; and
- v) contain underpinning enforcement provisions.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

New EC legislation covering spirit drinks has recently been adopted. This protects Scotch Whisky as a geographical indication but, apart from requiring its Scottish origin, does not impose any rules for Scotch Whisky additional to those for whisky. In applying a quality policy, Member States may lay down stricter rules for spirit drinks produced in their territory. The new Regulations would lay down such rules. They will enhance and protect the reputation of Scotch Whisky and protect consumers against misleading and confusing labelling as well as helping to prevent the adulteration of Single Malt Scotch Whisky outside Scotland.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

e) No basic texts.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No.

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No.

14. Fiscal measures

No.

15. Impact assessment

The Impact assessment is attached.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft Scotch Whisky Regulations 2008 will not have a significant impact on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant impact on international trade.

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