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The Spirit Drinks (Costs of Verification) Regulations 2013

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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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4. Notification Number

2015/0322/UK - C50A

5. Title

The Spirit Drinks (Costs of Verification) Regulations 2013

6. Products Concerned

Single Malt Scotch Whisky
Single Grain Scotch Whisky
Blended Malt Scotch Whisky
Blended Grain Scotch Whisky
Blended Scotch Whisky

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Spirit Drinks (Costs of Verification) Regulations 2013 implement Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks.

Regulation 110/2008 makes provision for Member States to introduce measures ensuring that spirit drinks marketed with a protected geographical indication are produced in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in the technical file for the product.

In the UK, this affects Scotch Whisky, Irish Whiskey produced in Northern Ireland, Irish Cream produced in Northern Ireland and Somerset Cider Brandy.

Article 22 of Regulation 110/2008 requires that a relevant spirit drink is verified by a competent authority as being compliant with its technical file before it can be placed on the market. The Article requires that the costs of verification for each relevant spirit drink are borne by the producers who are subject to the controls specified in the technical file.

The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs are designated as the authority responsible for the verification of UK spirit drinks registered at Annex III to the Regulation. Their responsibility is to design and administer verification schemes for each relevant spirit drink.

The Spirit Drinks (Costs of Verification) Regulations 2013 provide for the publication of verification schemes for UK produced spirit drinks with a Geographical Indication. They also provide for charges for obtaining verification to be imposed on producers.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Spirit Drinks (Costs of Verification) Regulations 2013 provide the legal basis for the UK's spirit drinks



verification schemes.

At present, the only scheme in operation is for Scotch whisky. This was introduced in January 2014. Schemes for other UK GI spirit drinks will be introduced in due course.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: A copy of the Spirit Drinks (Costs of Verification) Regulations 2013 can be found at;

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/2949/made>

Details of the Scotch whisky verification scheme can be found at the attached link on the GOV.UK web site

<https://www.gov.uk/spirit-drinks-with-a-protected-geographical-indication>

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

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

Yes

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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