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Alcoholic Liquor Duties (Definition Of Cider) Order 2010

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1. Structured Information Line

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4. Notification Number

2010/0514/UK - C50A

5. Title

Alcoholic Liquor Duties (Definition Of Cider) Order 2010

6. Products Concerned

Cider and perry produced from the fermentation of fresh or concentrated apple or pear juice.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This Order changes the definition of cider as set out in primary legislation as allowed by section 1(6A) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979.

The existing definition of cider is being amended to specify a minimum volume content of apple or pear juice for both the pre-fermentation mixture and also the final cider or perry product. The minimum juice content for the pre-fermentation mixture is expressed as 35% of the volume of that mixture. The minimum juice content for the cider overall is expressed as 35% of the volume of the final product. All volumes to be calculated at a standard temperature of 20°C. In order to ensure that apple juice of an acceptable standard is used it has also been necessary to specify a minimum gravity of 1033 degrees. A definition of pre-fermentation mixture is provided in the Order and this covers ciders made from the blending of two or more ciders or perries.

The new rules apply to fermentations of apple or pear juice commencing on or after 1 September 2010.

Similarly, they apply to any blending of ciders where any of the base ciders has resulted from fermentation started on or after 1 September 2010.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

There has been a substantial amount of concern from both the cider production industry and health campaigners about low quality cheap ciders benefiting from the low duty rates in comparison with other alcoholic drinks. Some products which can take advantage of the lower duty rates include drinks which derive very little alcohol from apple or pear juice, but instead rely on the fermentation of sugar. These types of product will not be classed as ciders for duty purposes as they more closely resemble made-wines. This Order specifies minimum amounts industry standard of juice from which alcohol is to be derived in order for an alcoholic drink to be classed as a cider.

As this measure is purely fiscal, UK authorities understand that no standstill period applies to this measure.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No Basic Text exists



11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

Yes

15. Impact assessment

Impact Assessment not available

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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