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Draft Law on Public Health Policy

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Draft Law on Public Health Policy

6. Products Concerned

Alcohol: Taxation

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Draft Article 17A(a) of the draft Law on Public Health Policy (to become Article 44 following CMP) is intended to extend the taxation applied to certain mixed alcoholic drinks to other products.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The law on social security funding for 1997 established a tax on premixes, drinks consisting of a mixture of fizzy drinks with strong alcohol. This provision intended to make the cost of these products a deterrent. It has made them considerably less attractive to young people, their main target market. This new draft article is intended to deal with the arrival on the market of products that are different but of the same nature. The intention is to dissuade, for the sake of protecting public health, the consumption by young people of these alcoholic drinks, in which their bitterness or the strong taste of alcohol has been disguised through the addition of other products (non-alcoholic drinks, flavourings).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Article 1613a of the General Code on Taxation.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

a) No

14. Fiscal measures

a) Yes



15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect:

- a) No
- b) iii) The draft has no significant effect on international trade.

Aspect SPS :

- a) No
- b) i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure within the meaning of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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