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## Draft Order on the use of the colouring agent azorubine (E122) in wine-based aperitifs

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### 4. Notification Number

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### 5. Title

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(E122) in wine-based aperitifs

### 6. Products Concerned

Wine-based aperitifs

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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### 8. Main Content

Authorization to use azorubine (E122) to colour wine-based  
aperitifs of the 'Americano' type. The maximum amount of  
this colouring agent that may be used in 80mg/l.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Flavoured wines having a predominantly bitter taste, prepared  
in accordance with various recipes and sold under the name of  
'Americano' are traditionally red in colour. This draft text  
authorizes (the use of) the red colouring agent known as  
'azorubine' in addition to the agent 'cochineal' which had  
already been authorized by the Order of 28June1912- in  
amended form as regards the colouring of such beverages. The  
maximum authorized content laid down took account of the  
technical justifications supplied by the producers of those  
beverages.

### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The Decree of 15April1912, amended in particular by Decree  
No73/138 of 12February1973 requires in principle  
(Article1) that chemical products other than those the use  
of which has been declared lawful by interministerial Orders  
shall not be added to foods and beverages intended for human  
consumption.

### 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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### 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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