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Decree on the labelling, composition and production conditions of spirit drinks

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Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje 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 - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Decree on the labelling, composition and production conditions of spirit drinks

6. Products Concerned

Spirit drinks intended for the final consumer that meet the specifications ordered for the products defined in categories 1 to 14 defined in Annex II to Regulation No 110/2008 of 15 January 2008 on spirit drinks.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft decree defines the wording of labelling for spirit drinks registered as "French geographical indications" under Community regulations. This wording is especially used to indicate wood ageing for certain geographical indications of spirit drinks produced in France, and may be reproduced identically or with stricter ageing conditions in the technical specifications for these geographical indications.

For spirit drinks employing finishing methods, in accordance with the regulations in force, it sets the applicable limits, as well as the methods used to determine them.

Furthermore, it deletes the labelling wording "appellation réglementée" [regulated designation], now obsolete, and reformulates the definitions of "fine" [fine] and "pommeau" [a fortified apple must], without changing their scope.

Finally, the draft decree specifies in Article 6 that "spirit drinks legally manufactured or marketed in another Member State of the European Union, or legally manufactured in another State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area may be imported and marketed in France under one of the wordings provided for in this present decree, or analogous wording".

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Certain French professional inter-branch bodies, producers of spirit drinks registered as geographical indications under Community regulations, have proposed that technical specifications be issued, for the purposes of standardisation, which would include the wording of labelling associated with ageing. This wording must therefore be defined in advance by decree, with an examination by the Council of State, in order to meet the provisions of Article L. 214-1 of the French Consumer Code.

Similarly, the technical specifications of certain spirit drinks make reference to a standard used by industry professionals, "obscuration", which should be defined in an intersectoral text.



10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References to basic texts: Article L. 214-1 of the French Consumer Code

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

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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