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DRAFT ROYAL DECREE .../... ON THE PROCESS FOR PREPARING AND MARKETING BOTTLED DRINKING WATERS OTHER THAN NATURAL MINERAL WATERS AND SPRING WATERS

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Bottled drinking waters other than natural mineral waters and spring waters

7. Notification Under Another Act

- Directive 2000/13/EC relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs
- Article 8 of the draft covers certain specifications on the labelling of these products that go beyond the provisions of Directive 2000/13/EC. As a result, it needs to be notified in accordance with Article 19 of the aforementioned directive.

8. Main Content

This draft is intended to define, for legal purposes, the meaning of bottled drinking waters other than natural mineral waters and spring waters and to set out the regulations for preparing and marketing them and, in general, the legal framework applicable to such products.

It separates bottled drinking waters other than natural mineral waters and spring waters from natural mineral waters and spring waters, which were previously covered by a single regulation (Royal Decree 1074/2002 of 18 October 2002 on the process for preparing, transporting and trading bottled drinking waters), which has now been repealed.

It sets out the provisions concerning prepared drinking waters and prepared waters supplied to the public, partially transposing the provisions of Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption concerning bottled drinking water.

Furthermore, in addition to the general criteria established in Regulation (EC) 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs, the provision sets out certain specific criteria for installations and equipment, premises, internal checks, containers, distribution and sale of these waters.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

- Separating natural mineral waters and spring waters from all other bottled drinking waters, creating two separate standards, on account of the differences both in the procedure for recognising the former, given the absence of any such recognition for the latter, and the different requirements applicable to these two types of water.
- Accommodating the observations of the Commission on the basis of a notice served in December 2006 concerning an incorrect transposition of Directive 98/83/EC.
- Updating the regulations for application of new legislation on the hygiene of foodstuffs and materials coming

into contact with them.

• Clarifying certain aspects of the previous royal decree being repealed.

These regulations partially incorporate Directive 98/83/EC, which was already done in the existing Royal Decree 1074/2002. The criteria of this directive set out in this draft royal decree relate exclusively to the criteria applicable to the water itself, while the remainder of the draft also concerns its marketing, which is not covered by the directive being transposed.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

There are no basic texts

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 will have no noticeable effect on international trade.

SPS aspect:

No - The draft will have no noticeable effect on international trade.

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