NOTIFICATION

Revision

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** European Union**If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission**Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of** **agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** European CommissionEU-TBT Enquiry PointFax: +(32) 2 299 80 43E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.euWebsite: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/>  |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [****], 5.6.2 [****], 5.7.1 [****], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Spirit drinks |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks, the use of ethyl alcohol and distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 (117 pages, in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** On 27 November 2018 the European Parliament (EP) and the Council of the European Union reached political agreement on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks, the use of ethyl alcohol and distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 110/2008. The Appendix to this notification explains the main changes in the compromise text with respect to the Commission proposal notified to the WTO on 16 December 2016 under reference G/TBT/N/EU/432. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The objectives of the draft Regulation are: a) to update the rules applicable to the definition, description, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks and to the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs b) to review the modalities for the registration of geographical indications of spirit drinks, c) to align the powers conferred upon the Commission to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** * Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks (*OJ L 39, 13.2.2008, p. 16*) and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 716/2013 of 25 July 2013 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks (*OJ L 201, 26.7.2013, p. 21*) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:039:0016:0054:EN:PDF>
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| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** April 2019 **Proposed date of entry into force:** April 2019 (7 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU). Application: 2 weeks after entry into force for all rules relating to geographical indications and 2 years after entry into force for rules on production and labelling (approximately mid-2021).  |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 30 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ]** **or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** European CommissionEU-TBT Enquiry PointFax: + (32) 2 299 80 43E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.euThe text and the appendix to this revision are available on the EU-TBT Website:<http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_6405_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_6405_01_e.pdf> |