NOTIFICATION

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 (Article 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/en/>  |
| **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):** Wine products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands (COM(2018) 394 final/2) (58 pages, in English, French and Spanish)  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 provides for Union rules on the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products. In the context of the future CAP proposals, the European Commission proposes, *inter alia*, to introduce definitions for 'de-alcoholised' and 'partially de-alcoholised' grapevine products in Annex VII of the Regulation. The purpose of this amendment is to allow producers to respond to the ever-increasing consumer demand for innovative grapevine products with a lower actual alcoholic strength than the minimum actual alcoholic strength set out for grapevine products in Part II of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. The definitions of these products which are added to the Annex take definitions set out in the Resolutions of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV), OIV-ECO 433-2012 (Beverage Obtained By Partial Dealcoholisation of Wine) and OIV-ECO 523-2016 (Wine With An Alcohol Content Modified by Dealcoholisation) into account.Please note that only the following provisions of the notified measure would be relevant for the purpose of the TBT Agreement (e.g.: provisions related to technical standards, definitions and labelling): Article 1. (6), (7), (18), (19), (20), (32) and (33). In addition, please note that even if intellectual property right issues (in particular elements related to geographical indications), are part of this notified measure, those will not be relevant for TBT purposes. The EU believes that any issues concerning intellectual property rights would be more appropriate for discussion under the relevant Committee responsible for IPR, which normally should be the TRIPS Council. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council sets the framework for the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, including their definition. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671-854).<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1529417518530&uri=CELEX:02013R1308-20180101>  |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**2019**Proposed date of entry into force:**Not yet specified, normally 3 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** European Commission,EU-TBT Enquiry Point,Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43,E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.euThe text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_4497_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_4497_00_f.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_4497_00_s.pdf> |