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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 121th MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SPIRIT DRINKS ON 20/03/2015

President: Jesús ZORRILLA

Delegations present: All delegations were present, except Bulgaria, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, Austria and Slovenia

1) Adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was adopted by all delegates of Member States (MS).

2) Geographical indications (GIs) – State of play.

The Commission (COM) presented a state of play which focused in particular on the established GIs in Annex III to Regulation (EC) n° 110/2008 as the deadline to submit the technical files for these established GIs expired on 20 February 2015.

3) Exchange of views on the working document on a draft Commission Regulation amending the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2870/2000 on Methods of Analysis for Spirit Drinks.

COM presented the comments and modifications received by MS on the new methods of analysis presented in the working document.

Regarding the method of analysis for volatile acidity, most of MS agreed on the modifications proposed. For some MS there were still few outstanding points that needed further clarification. They mainly concerned a possible difficulty in observing the curb of the colour indicator and the possible advantage of introducing the potentiometry method for measuring volatile acidity.

For the method on total sugar, it was proposed to always refer to invert sugar, as usually done in enzymatic methodology.

In relation to the method for the determination of the wood compounds it was suggested to change the title, by making clear reference to the specific compounds coming from wood to be determined.

COM informed MS that a new version of the working document, which would take into account these new comments, would be sent in the following week to MS for final verification.

4) Exchange of views on the working document on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 on spirit drinks (Category 32 Liqueur).

COM pointed out that, according to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008, for the production of a '*liqueur*' the use of products of agricultural origin or foodstuff is compulsory, while this obligation did not exist in the previous Regulation on spirit drinks. COM also stressed that some MS had already requested the removal of such obligation.

However, COM suggested that, before considering the modification of the '*liqueur*' category by a Commission Regulation, it would be useful to explore the possibility to proceed through a correction of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008. Should this solution not be feasible, a working document on a draft Commission Regulation for the modification of the category '*liqueur*' would be presented to the next Committee.

5) AOB

"e-signed"
Jens SCHAPS

Attendance list – Summary Record

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Date: 20 March 2015

Member State	Ministry or Organization	Number of participants
Parlement		
Conseil		
BE	SPW – Direction de la Politique agricole	1
BG	-----	-
CZ	Ministry of AGRICULTURE (Food and Legislation dpt)	1
DK	Fodevarestyrelsen	1
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (BMEL)	1
EE	Permanent Representation of the Estonia	1
IE	Department of Agriculture & Food	1
EL	Représentation Permanente de la Grèce à L'UE	1
ES	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Medio Rural Y Marino	1
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
	INAO Institut National de l'Origine et de la qualité	1
	Représentants du ministère de l'économie (DGCCRF)	1
HR	Ministry of Agriculture	1
IT	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali	1
CY	-----	-
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LT	Ministry of Agriculture	1
LU	-----	-
HU	Nemzeti Élelmiszerlánc-biztonsági Hivatal	1
MT	-----	-
NL	Ministerie van Economische Zaken	1
AT	-----	-
PL	Permanent Representation of Republic of Poland	1
PT	ASAE	1
RO	Food Industry Department	1
SI	-----	-
SK	Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to European Union	1
FI	National Supervisor Authority for Welfare and Health, VALVIRA	1
SE	National Food Administration	1
UK	Food and Environment Research Agency	1
	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	1