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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
122rd MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SPIRIT DRINKS
ON 05/05/2015**

President: Ersilia MOLITERNO

Delegations present: All delegations were present, except Bulgaria, Denmark, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal and Romania.

1) Adoption of the agenda.

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

2) 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.

As regards the method of analysis for volatile acidity, COM stressed that the quantity of sodium hydroxide solution (NaOH) to be used as reagent and the multiplication factor for the calculation of total acidity had been modified according to the request of some MS.

For the method on total sugar, COM pointed out that, as requested by some MS, the reference to sugar was replaced by the reference to invert sugar. COM stressed that, following this modification, it was necessary to recalculate the table accordingly.

As regards the method of analysis for the determination of the wood compound, some MS considered that its objective is mainly the determination of the absence of wood compounds and that this should be specified in the corresponding recital of the draft Regulation.

3) 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 presented the working document on a draft Commission Regulation modifying the definition of the category '*liqueur*' in Regulation (EC) No 110/2008. COM explained that this modification aims at making optional the use of flavouring and/or agricultural products, which is currently compulsory.

MS agreed on the necessity to make this amendment.

Pour le Directeur empêché
Jens SCHAPS
"e-signed"
Jesús Zorrilla

Attendance list – Summary Record

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Member State	Ministry or Organization	Number of participants
Parlement		
Conseil		
BE	Flemish government, Department Agriculture and Fisheries Policy Division	1
BG	-----	-
CZ	Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority	1
DK	-----	-
DE	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (BMEL)	1
EE	Estonian Research Centre	1
IE	Department of Agriculture & Food	1
EL	Représentation Permanente de la Grèce à L'UE	1
ES	Ministerio de Agricultura Alimentación y Medio Ambiente	1
FR	Représentants du ministère de l'économie (DGCCRF)	1
	INAO Institut National de l'Origine et de la qualité	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	AGES – Österreichische Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit GmbH Institut für Lebensmitteluntersuchung	1
PL	Ministère de l'Agriculture, Département d'organisation commune des marchés agricoles	1
PT	-----	-
RO	-----	-
SI	Ministry of Agriculture, and Environment	1
SK	Ministry of Agriculture	1
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	1
SE	National Food Administration	1
UK	Food and Environment Research Agency	1
	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	1