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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs and the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks (COM(2016)0750 – C8-0496/2016 – 2016/0392(COD))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The system for the protection of geographical indications is a major factor in the European Union's trade policy. In this way, the Union not only succeeds in obtaining protection for its quality labels on external markets, but also encourages third countries to set up equivalent systems.

Historically, spirits represent a major part of European exports and enjoy an annual trade surplus of around € 10 billion and there are more than one million jobs related to this sector. Spirits are among the first products to have benefited from quality labels protection. In order to develop the spirits sector, the European Union introduced a legal framework to ensure the harmonisation of the rules on the marketing of spirits throughout the European Union with the adoption on 15 January 2008 of Regulation (EC) 110/2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks. This Regulation applies to all spirits, whether produced in an EU country or in a third country.

Following the Treaty of Lisbon in 2009, the Commission launched an agricultural text alignment project. Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 is the last one that has not yet been processed in this way. On 1 December 2016, the Commission therefore proposed to the Council and Parliament a new Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 110/2008.

The 2008 Regulation was well received by industry professionals. In its proposed text, the Commission takes a comprehensively modernising approach which is welcome. It also gives itself new prerogatives through implementing acts and makes substantial modifications.

The rapporteur considers that the Commission proposal should be limited to modernising the 2008 text, introducing new provisions to strengthen the protection of geographical indications and modifying as little as possible the 2008 text. It is in this spirit that the rapporteur proposes her opinion on the text to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

The rapporteur would like to remind her colleagues in the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development that this is a regulation on the technical and commercial labelling of spirits and not a regulation on health and consumer protection faced with the dangers of excessive consumption. The rapporteur thus calls on her fellow Members, in their amendments, to remain as close as possible to the scope of the text.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 a (new)

(18a) It is appropriate that spirit drinks with a geographical indication, based on wines without an indication of origin protection, which are recorded in this Regulation, should benefit from the same management tools concerning production potential as those that are available under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes aligning the regulation with the draft opinion on the so called Omnibus proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, as adopted by the Agriculture Committee of the European Parliament on 3 May 2017.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point d – point i – indent 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- the addition to ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, distillates of agricultural origin or spirit drinks of **any** of the following:

- the addition to ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, distillates of agricultural origin or spirit drinks of **one or more** of the following:

Or. en

Justification

The definitions of a 'spirit drink' have not been correctly incorporated from Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 and its implementing Regulation (EC) No 716/2013. The rapporteur proposes to correct certain definitions resulting from Regulation (EC) No 110/2008.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point d – point ii – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) by adding to a spirit drink **any** of the following:

(ii) by adding to a spirit drink **one or more** of the following:

Or. en

Justification

The definitions of a 'spirit drink' have not been correctly incorporated from Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 and its implementing Regulation (EC) No 716/2013. The rapporteur proposes to correct certain definitions resulting from Regulation (EC) No 110/2008.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin;

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to clarify the definition of a mixture, to simplify the rules on labelling and to make the regulation applicable by the operators and the inspection services.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) ‘compound term’ means the combination of the terms of a sales denomination of a spirit drink provided for in Part I of Annex II or the terms of a geographical indication, describing a spirit drink, from which all the alcohol of the final product originates, with **any** of the following:

(4) ‘compound term’ means the combination of the terms of a sales denomination of a spirit drink provided for in Part I of Annex II or the terms of a geographical indication, describing a spirit drink, from which all the alcohol of the final product originates, with **one or more** of the following:

Justification

The definitions of a 'spirit drink' have not been correctly incorporated from Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 and its implementing Regulation (EC) No 716/83. The rapporteur proposes to correct certain definitions resulting from Regulation (EC) No 110/2008.

Amendment 6**Proposal for a regulation****Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5***Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) ‘allusion’ means the direct or indirect reference to **one or more** spirit drinks listed in Part I of Annex II or geographical indications, other than the reference in a compound term or list of ingredients referred to in Article 8(6);

Amendment

(5) ‘allusion’ means the direct or indirect reference to **a** spirit drinks listed in Part I of Annex II or geographical indications, other than the reference in a compound term or list of ingredients referred to in Article 8(6);

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to clarify the definition of a mixture, to simplify the rules on labelling and to make the regulation applicable by the operators and the inspection services.

Amendment 7**Proposal for a regulation****Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point e***Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) be sweetened to correspond to particular product characteristics and in accordance with point (3) of Annex I and taking into account the relevant legislation of the Member States.

Amendment

(e) be sweetened to correspond to particular product characteristics and in accordance with point (3) of Annex I and taking into account the relevant legislation of the Member States. ***In each case, the maximum amount of sugar is laid down in the respective product category.***

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Where a spirit drink meets the requirements of more than one of the categories of spirit drinks **15 to 47** of Part I of Annex II, it may be sold under one or more of the relevant sales denominations provided for under those categories.

Amendment

3. Where a spirit drink meets the requirements of more than one of the categories of spirit drinks of Part I of Annex II, it may be sold under one or more of the relevant sales denominations provided for under those categories.

Or. en

Justification

Certain spirits may benefit from several denominations given in the list in Annex II to Regulation 110/2008. The committee's proposal removes this possibility from the first 14 spirits listed in Annex II. The rapporteur proposes to keep the previous version of the text.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) supplemented or replaced by a geographical indication referred to in Chapter III, or supplemented in accordance with national provisions by another geographical **indication**, provided that this does not mislead the consumer; or

Amendment

(a) supplemented or replaced by a geographical indication referred to in Chapter III, or supplemented in accordance with national provisions by **the name of** another geographical **reference**, provided that this does not mislead the consumer; or

Or. en

Justification

The Commission text foresees that the sale denomination of spirit drinks may be supplemented or replaced by the name of a geographical indication or supplemented by the name of an 'other geographical indication'. However, the repetition of the term "geographical indication" does not allow a good understanding of the text. The rapporteur proposes to clarify the text.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

If a **sales denomination** is supplemented or replaced in accordance with point (a) of the first subparagraph, the geographical indication referred to in that point may only be supplemented either:

Amendment

If a **legal name** is supplemented or replaced in accordance with point (a) of the first subparagraph, the geographical indication referred to in that point may only be supplemented either:

Or. en

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) by terms already in use on 20 February 2008 for existing geographical indications within the meaning of Article 34(1); or

Amendment

(a) by terms already in use on 20 February 2008 for existing geographical indications within the meaning of Article 34(1), **including the terms traditionally used in Member States to designate that a product has a protected designation of origin under national law quality signs**; or

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to secure the respect of each Member State's own quality protection systems.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. A mixture shall bear the sales denomination ‘spirit drink’. **deleted**

A mixture may show, in its presentation or labelling, the names listed in Part I of Annex II or geographical indications corresponding to the spirit drinks that were used in the mixture under the following conditions:

(a) those names or geographical indications appear exclusively in a list of all the alcoholic ingredients contained in the mixture, preceded by the term ‘mixed spirit drink’; and

(b) the term ‘mixed spirit drink’ appears in the same visual field as the sales denomination, in uniform characters of the same font and colour as those used for the sales denomination and in characters which are no larger than half the size of those used for the sales denomination.

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to clarify the definition of a mixture, to simplify the rules on labelling and to make the regulation applicable by the operators and the inspection services.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. By way of derogation from Article 8(2), a mixture which meets the conditions required in point (3) of Article 2(1) shall bear the sales denomination

'mixed spirit drink'.

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to clarify the definition of a mixture, to simplify the rules on labelling and to make the regulation applicable by the operators and the inspection services.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In the case referred to in the first subparagraph, the presentation or labelling of the mixture may show the names listed in Part I of Annex II or geographical indications corresponding to the spirits drinks that were mixed, provided that these names appear:

deleted

(a) exclusively in a list of all the alcoholic ingredients contained in the mixture; and

(b) in the same visual field as the sales denomination at least once.

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to clarify the definition of a mixture, to simplify the rules on labelling and to make the regulation applicable by the operators and the inspection services.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. A mixture may show, in its presentation or labelling, the names of its alcoholic ingredients provided that it complies with all of the following

conditions:

(a) those names are preceded by the sales denomination;

(b) those names appear exclusively in a list of all the alcoholic ingredients contained in the mixture, in uniform characters which are smaller than the size of those used for the sales denomination; and

(c) at least once shall appear the percentage by volume of pure alcohol that each alcoholic ingredient represents in the total pure alcohol content by volume of the mixture

(d) the alcoholic ingredients shall be listed in descending order of that percentage.

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to clarify the definition of a mixture, to simplify the rules on labelling and to make the regulation applicable by the operators and the inspection services.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In the case of spirit drinks produced in the Union and intended for export, the particulars provided for in this Regulation may be repeated in a language other than an official language of the Union.

Or. en

Justification

Certain names of spirits can no longer be translated into the language of their export markets. The Commission reserves the right to modify this translation by means of specific delegated acts for "exceptional cases". This seems an unnecessary constraint and complexification. The rapporteur proposes to return to the previous version of the text of Regulation (EC) 110/2008.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. *In exceptional cases where the law of the importing third country so requires, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 43 concerning derogations from the provisions on presentation and labelling contained in this Chapter.* **deleted**

Or. en

Justification

Certain names of spirits can no longer be translated into the language of their export markets. The Commission reserves the right to modify this translation by means of specific delegated acts for "exceptional cases". This seems an unnecessary constraint and complexification. The rapporteur proposes to return to the previous version of the text of Regulation (EC) 110/2008.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. *Protected* geographical indications and the spirit drinks using those protected names in conformity with the product specification shall be protected against:

2. **Registered** geographical indications shall be protected against:

Or. en

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 2 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) by comparable products not complying with the product specification of the protected name; or

(i) by comparable products not complying with the product specification of the protected name, ***including when those products are used as an ingredient***; or

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to strengthen the protection of geographical indications by using the formula used in Regulation (EC) No 1151/2005 on quality systems for agricultural products and foodstuffs: "including those products which are used as ingredients".

Amendment 20

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 2 – point b**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) any misuse, imitation or evocation, even if the true origin of the product or service is indicated or if the protected name is translated or accompanied by an expression such as ‘style’, ‘type’, ‘method’, ‘as produced in’, ‘imitation’, ‘flavour’, ‘like’ or similar;

(b) any misuse, imitation or evocation, even if the true origin of the product or service is indicated or if the protected name is translated or accompanied by an expression such as ‘style’, ‘type’, ‘method’, ‘as produced in’, ‘imitation’, ‘flavour’, ‘like’ or similar, ***including when those products are used as an ingredient***;

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to strengthen the protection of geographical indications by using the formula used in Regulation (EC) No 1151/2005 on quality systems for agricultural products and foodstuffs: "including those products which are used as ingredients".

Amendment 21

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

4a. Member States may apply the provisions laid down in Articles 61 to 72 of 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 to areas where wines suitable for producing spirit drinks with a geographical indication recorded in Annex III to this Regulation. For the purposes of those provisions, the areas concerned may be treated as areas where wines with a protected designation of origin or protected geographical indication may be produced.

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes aligning the regulation with the draft opinion on the so called Omnibus proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, as adopted by the Agriculture Committee of the European Parliament on 3 May 2017.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall scrutinise by appropriate means any application that it receives pursuant to Article 21, in order to check that it is justified and that it meets the conditions of this Chapter. This scrutiny should not exceed a period of **12** months. Where this period is exceeded, the Commission shall indicate in writing to the applicant the reasons for the delay.

Amendment

The Commission shall scrutinise by appropriate means any application that it receives pursuant to Article 21, in order to check that it is justified and that it meets the conditions of this Chapter. This scrutiny should not exceed a period of **six** months. Where this period is exceeded, the Commission shall indicate in writing to the applicant the reasons for the delay.

Or. en

Justification

The Commission proposes a period of 12 months for the registration of a spirit-based geographical indication. This period is 6 months for other food products. The rapporteur proposes to align the deadline for geographical indications with spirit on other geographical indications.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation

Article 28 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where national law applies, the application shall follow the national procedure.

Or. en

Justification

Given the diversity of procedures in the Member States, the rapporteur proposes to clarify that, where applicable, national rules may apply.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation

Article 30 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall adopt ***implementing*** acts, without applying the procedure referred to in Article 44(2), establishing and maintaining a publicly accessible updated electronic register of geographical indications of spirit drinks recognised under this scheme ('the Register').

The Commission shall adopt ***delegated*** acts, without applying the procedure referred to in Article 44(2), establishing and maintaining a publicly accessible updated electronic register of geographical indications of spirit drinks recognised under this scheme ('the Register').

Or. en

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Article 30 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission may adopt **implementing** acts laying down detailed rules on the form and content of the Register. Those **implementing** acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 44(2).

Amendment

The Commission may adopt **delegated** acts laying down detailed rules on the form and content of the Register. Those **delegated** acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 44(2).

Or. en

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation
Article 31 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks covered by Article 2 of this Regulation shall be without prejudice to the protected geographical indications and designations of origin of products defined in Article 93 of Regulation (EC) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes aligning the Commission's text with Article 100 of Regulation (EC) No 1308/133 on the common organization of the market in agricultural products, which states that the protection of PGI and PDO for wines is without prejudice of the protection granted to spirit drinks.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation
Article 35 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Notwithstanding the national legislation of Member States, the costs of such verification of compliance with the product

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specification shall be borne by the **food business** operators which are subject to those controls.

specification shall be borne by the operators which are subject to those controls.

Or. en

Justification

The terms "operators" and "food business operators" are used in the text of the Commission. The rapporteur proposes that only the term 'operators' should be retained in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 110/2008. This term is more representative of the diversity of professionals in the sector.

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In order to ensure the rights or legitimate interests of producers or **food business** operators, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts adopted in accordance with Article 43, set out:

Amendment

3. In order to ensure the rights or legitimate interests of producers or operators, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts adopted in accordance with Article 43, set out:

Or. en

Justification

The terms "operators" and "food business operators" are used in the text of the Commission. The rapporteur proposes that only the term 'operators' should be retained in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 110/2008. This term is more representative of the diversity of professionals in the sector.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. In order to ensure the efficiency of the checks provided for in this Chapter, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 43 concerning the necessary measures regarding the notification of **food business**

Amendment

7. In order to ensure the efficiency of the checks provided for in this Chapter, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 43 concerning the necessary measures regarding the notification of operators to

operators to the competent authorities.

the competent authorities.

Or. en

Justification

The terms "operators" and "food business operators" are used in the text of the Commission. The rapporteur proposes that only the term 'operators' should be retained in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 110/2008. This term is more representative of the diversity of professionals in the sector.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) a spirit drink produced exclusively by alcoholic fermentation and distillation of sugar-cane juice which has the aromatic characteristics specific to rum and a volatile substances content equal to or exceeding 225 grams per hectolitre of 100 % vol. alcohol. This spirit drink may be placed on the market with the word ‘agricultural’ qualifying the ***sales denomination ‘rum’*** accompanied by any registered geographical indications of the French Overseas Departments and the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

Amendment

(ii) a spirit drink produced exclusively by alcoholic fermentation and distillation of sugar-cane juice which has the aromatic characteristics specific to rum and a volatile substances content equal to or exceeding 225 grams per hectolitre of 100 % vol. alcohol. This spirit drink may be placed on the market with the word ‘agricultural’ qualifying the ***legal name ‘rum’ only when it is*** accompanied by any registered geographical indications of the French Overseas Departments and the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

Or. en

Justification

Make clear that the term 'agricultural' refers only to rums under geographical indication.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) Rum may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the

final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 3 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) Grain spirit may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 4 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) Wine spirit may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 5 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) Brandy or Weinbrand may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 6 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) Grape marc spirit or grape marc may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening

rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 7 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) Fruit marc spirit may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 8 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) Raisin spirit or raisin brandy may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 9 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ha) Fruit spirit may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 10 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) Neither cider spirit nor perry spirit shall be flavoured.

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Or. en

Justification

The rapporteur proposes to secure the traditional production methods for cider and perry spirits such as Calvados.

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 10 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) *Cider spirit and perry spirit may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.*

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 11 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) *Honey spirit may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.*

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 12 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) Hefebrand may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 13 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) Bierbrand or eau-de-vie de bière may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – section 1 – part 14 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) Topinambur may be sweetened by up to 20 g per litre of final product, expressed as invert sugar, in order to round off the final taste.

Or. en

Justification

Certain eaux-de-vie under European geographical indications are limited in their sweetening. They compete with imported spirits using the same name but with a much higher sweetening rate. In order to restore fair competition, to enhance European geographical indications and to provide consumers with good information, the rapporteur proposes setting the limit of 20gr of sugar per liter for all eaux-de-vie.

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation Annex II – section 2 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Guignolet Kirsch is produced in France and obtained by mixing guignolet and kirsch, whereby a minimum proportion of 3 % of the total pure alcohol contained in the final product must come from kirsch. The minimum alcoholic strength by volume of Guignolet Kirsch must be 15 %. As regards the labelling and presentation, the word "Guignolet" must appear in the presentation and labelling in characters of the same font, size and colour as, and on the same line as, the word "Kirsch" and, in case of bottles, on the front label. Its alcoholic composition must indicate the percentage by volume of pure alcohol that guignolet and kirsch represent in the total pure alcohol content by volume of Guignolet Kirsch.

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Justification

The rapporteur proposes to have specific rules for the Guignolet-Kirsch in the same way as Rum Verschnitt and Slivovice.