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## **REPORT**

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 as regards nominal quantities for placing on the Union market of single distilled shochu produced by pot still and bottled in Japan  
(COM(2018)0199 – C8-0156/2018 – 2018/0097(COD))

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Rapporteur: Adina-Ioana Vălean

### ***Symbols for procedures***

*	Consultation procedure
***	Consent procedure
***I	Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
***II	Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
***III	Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

### ***Amendments to a draft act***

#### **Amendments by Parliament set out in two columns**

Deletions are indicated in ***bold italics*** in the left-hand column. Replacements are indicated in ***bold italics*** in both columns. New text is indicated in ***bold italics*** in the right-hand column.

The first and second lines of the header of each amendment identify the relevant part of the draft act under consideration. If an amendment pertains to an existing act that the draft act is seeking to amend, the amendment heading includes a third line identifying the existing act and a fourth line identifying the provision in that act that Parliament wishes to amend.

#### **Amendments by Parliament in the form of a consolidated text**

New text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated using either the ■ symbol or strikeout. Replacements are indicated by highlighting the new text in ***bold italics*** and by deleting or striking out the text that has been replaced.

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## **DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION**

**on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 as regards nominal quantities for placing on the Union market of single distilled shochu produced by pot still and bottled in Japan (COM(2018)0199 – C8-0156/2018 – 2018/0097(COD))**

**(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2018)0199),
  - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 114(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0156/2018),
  - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 11 July 2018<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 10 July 2018 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A8-0255/2018),
1. Adopts its position at first reading, taking over the Commission proposal;
  2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
  3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

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<sup>1</sup> Not yet published in the Official Journal.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On 29 November 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to enter into negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Japan. On the basis of the negotiating directives adopted by the Council in 2012 the Commission has negotiated with Japan an ambitious and comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with a view to creating new opportunities and legal certainty for trade and investment between both partners to develop. This Commission proposal aims at introducing a derogation from Union rules concerning bottle sizes, for single distilled *shochu*, a spirit drink produced by pot still and bottled in Japan that is traditionally sold in bottles of sizes of four go (合) or one sho (升) that correspond to nominal quantities of 720 ml (one go corresponds to 180 ml) and 1800 ml, respectively, and that are currently not among the nominal quantities permitted in the Union under Directive 2007/45/EC laying down rules on nominal quantities of prepacked products. This proposal is an amendment to 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 and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89. The EU has finalized negotiations for a trade agreement with Japan. An agreement in principle was reached on 7 July 2017 and negotiations were finalized on 8 December 2017. On 18 April 2018, the text of the agreement was presented by the Commission to the Council. This step marks the beginning of the ratification process at the EU level. This is the first step towards the signature and conclusion of the agreement. Once approved by the Council, the agreement will be sent to the European Parliament, aiming for the entry into force before the end of the current mandate of the European Commission in 2019. The derogation that is proposed to implement the EU-Japan EPA can only be introduced by means of a Regulation as it needs to apply in all Member States simultaneously upon entry into force of the EU-Japan EPA. In order to preserve the provisions negotiated under the Free Trade Agreement with Japan, the Rapporteur proposes to adopt the Commission proposal without amendments. The same procedure will be followed at Council level.

## PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

<b>Title</b>	Nominal quantities for placing on the Union market of single distilled shochu produced by pot still and bottled in Japan		
<b>References</b>	COM(2018)0199 – C8-0156/2018 – 2018/0097(COD)		
<b>Date submitted to Parliament</b>	17.4.2018		
<b>Committee responsible</b> Date announced in plenary	ENVI 2.5.2018		
<b>Committees asked for opinions</b> Date announced in plenary	INTA 2.5.2018	IMCO 2.5.2018	AGRI 2.5.2018
<b>Not delivering opinions</b> Date of decision	INTA 16.5.2018	IMCO 16.5.2018	AGRI 20.6.2018
<b>Rapporteurs</b> Date appointed	Adina-Ioana Vălean 16.5.2018		
<b>Discussed in committee</b>	20.6.2018		
<b>Date adopted</b>	10.7.2018		
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 51 -: 1 0: 0		
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Marco Affronte, Margrete Auken, Pilar Ayuso, Catherine Bearder, Ivo Belet, Biljana Borzan, Paul Brannen, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Nessa Childers, Birgit Collin-Langen, Miriam Dalli, Seb Dance, Mark Demesmaecker, Bas Eickhout, Karl-Heinz Florenz, Francesc Gambús, Arne Gericke, Jens Gieseke, Sylvie Goddyn, Françoise Grossetête, Andrzej Grzyb, Jytte Guteland, György Hölvényi, Karin Kadenbach, Urszula Krupa, Giovanni La Via, Jo Leinen, Peter Liese, Valentinas Mazuronis, Susanne Melior, Miroslav Mikolášik, Rory Palmer, Massimo Paolucci, Piernicola Pedicini, Bolesław G. Piecha, Pavel Poc, John Procter, Julia Reid, Frédérique Ries, Daciana Octavia Sârbu, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Davor Škrlec, Adina-Ioana Vălean, Damiano Zoffoli		
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Guillaume Balas, Anja Hazekamp, Jan Huitema, Alojz Peterle, Christel Schaldemose, Keith Taylor		
<b>Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote</b>	Marc Joulaud, Stanisław Ożóg		
<b>Date tabled</b>	12.7.2018		

## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

51	+
ALDE	Catherine Bearder, Jan Huitema, Valentinas Mazuronis, Frédérique Ries
ECR	Mark Demesmaeker, Arne Gericke, Urszula Krupa, Stanisław Ożóg, Bolesław G. Piecha, John Procter
EFDD	Piernicola Pedicini
ENF	Sylvie Goddyn
GUE/NGL	Anja Hazekamp
PPE	Pilar Ayuso, Ivo Belet, Birgit Collin-Langen, Karl-Heinz Florenz, Francesc Gambús, Jens Gieseke, Françoise Grossetête, Andrzej Grzyb, György Hölvényi, Marc Joulaud, Giovanni La Via, Peter Liese, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Adina-Ioana Vălean
S&D	Guillaume Balas, Biljana Borzan, Paul Brannen, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Nessa Childers, Miriam Dalli, Seb Dance, Jytte Guteland, Karin Kadenbach, Jo Leinen, Susanne Melior, Rory Palmer, Massimo Paolucci, Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu, Christel Schaldemose, Damiano Zoffoli
VERTS/ALE	Marco Affronte, Margrete Auken, Bas Eickhout, Davor Škrlec, Keith Taylor

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EFDD	Julie Reid

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention