Question for written answer E-005382/2013 to the Commission Rule 117 Antonio Cancian (PPE)

Subject: Protection of the Prosecco designation

At the close of negotiations for Croatia's accession to the EU, it seems that the Croatians have opened up a dispute regarding the designation 'Prosek' for a Croatian wine, which the Croatian Government would like to be able to retain even after the country has joined the EU.

According to sources, the Commission has rightly refused to allow this name, which is very similar to that of the Italian wine 'Prosecco', to be retained.

Can the Commission confirm that, as things stand, Croatia will not be permitted to use the name 'Prosek'?

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