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**RECOMMENDATION**

on the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development

on the **COMMON POSITION** established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a regulation laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine-product cocktails

(C3-0010/91 - SYN 0324)

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At the sitting of 13 April 1984 the European Parliament delivered its opinion at first reading on the Commission proposal for a Council regulation laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks and flavoured wines. The Commission subsequently amended the initial proposal pursuant to Article 149(2) of the EEC Treaty and, on 25 September 1986, submitted a new text to the Council splitting the initial proposal into two separate proposals, namely one relating to spirit drinks and the other to aromatized wines and drinks. In February 1987 it proposed to amend the legal basis of the proposals by invoking Articles 43 and 100a of the EEC Treaty following entry into force of the Single European Act. On 20 December 1990 the Council adopted the regulation on aromatized wines and drinks.

At the sitting of 24 January 1991 the President of Parliament announced that the common position on aromatized wines and drinks had been received and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development as the committee responsible.

At its meeting of 4 and 5 April 1991 the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development confirmed Mr Dalsass as rapporteur and considered the common position and the draft recommendation.

At that meeting it adopted the following recommendation unopposed with 1 abstention.

The following were present for the vote: Colino Salamanca, chairman; Dalsass, rapporteur; Bocklet, Funk, Görlach, Howell, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Langenhagen (for Carvalho Cardoso), Martinez, Mottola, Rothe, Sonneveld and Stevenson.

This recommendation was tabled on 5 April 1991.

The deadline for tabling amendments to the common position or proposals to reject it is 12 noon on Thursday, 11 April 1991.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

(Cooperation procedure: second reading)

on the common position established by the Council  
with a view to the adoption of a regulation laying down  
general rules on the definition, description and presentation  
of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks  
and aromatized wine-product cocktails  
(COM(82) 328 final<sup>1</sup> - COM(86) 159 final<sup>2</sup>)

The Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development,

- having regard to the common position of the Council (C3-0010/91 - SYN 324),

Recommends that the European Parliament amend the common position as follows:

Common position of the Council

Amendments<sup>3</sup>

(Amendment No. 1)

Article 6(2), new subparagraph

In cases where drinks derive individual characteristics from the geographical origin of the raw materials and/or the specific nature of the local production processes used which make them distinguishable from others, the name of such drinks may be accompanied or replaced by a geographical ascription, which shall not, however, unless otherwise decided by the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, correspond to an entire national territory.

<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 189, 23.7.1982, p. 7

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. C 269, 25.10.1986, p. 4

<sup>3</sup> OJ No. C 127, 14.5.1984, page 181, Articles 8 and 10

(Amendment No. 2)

Article 8(2a) (new)

2a. In the case of products deemed to be traditional products of a Member State or a third country, mention must be made of the country of manufacture.

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The European Parliament is pleased to note that the common position of the Council is very broadly in line with the requests set out in Parliament's 1984 opinion.

The only change that the Committee on Agriculture wishes to make, therefore, is to reinstate two minor amendments not taken over by the Council.

- Amendment No. 1

The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, may decide that any geographical ascription used in given cases to accompany or replace the name of a product can, where appropriate, denote an entire national territory. This additional clarification is designed to protect smaller countries whose territory may be regarded as a single geographical area.

- Amendment No. 2

Under this amendment products traditionally associated with a Member State or third country will have to carry an indication of the country of manufacture.

The Council lays down such a requirement only in respect of sangria (Article 2(3)(a)) and clarea (Article 2(3)(b)), both typical examples of traditional, non-geographical names.

It might be argued, however, in the interest of avoiding confusion amongst consumers, that the country of manufacture should also be stated on other aromatized drinks produced outside what are considered the traditional areas.