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on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(82) 328 final – Doc. 1-508/82) for a regulation laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirituous beverages and of vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or other aromatic substances

Part A: Motion for a resolution

Rapporteur: Mr J. DALSASS

PE 88.176/fin.**/A**-Or. Fr.

By letter of 10 July 1982, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirituous beverages and of vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or other aromatic substances.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection for an opinion.

At its meeting of 13 July 1982, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Joachim DALSASS rapporteur.

The committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meetings of 22/23 November 1983, 28/29 February 1984 and 20/21 March 1984.

At the last meeting, it decided by 16 votes in favour with 7 abstentions to recommend to the European Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal with the following amendments.

The Commission notified the committee that it had not taken a decision on these amendments. the committee then adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole by 16 votes in favour with 7 abstentions.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Curry, chairman; Mr Colleselli and Mr Delatte, vice-chairmen; Mr Dalsass, rapporteur; Mr Barbagli (deputizing for Mr Diana), Mr Blaney, Mrs Castle, Mr Eyraud, Mr Gatto, Mr Gautier, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Hord, Mr Jürgens, Mr Keating (deputizing for Mr Lynge), Mr McCartin (deputizing for Mr Clinton), Mr M. Martin (deputizing for Mr Pranchère), Mr Mertens, Mr B. Nielsen, Mr Provan, Ms Quin, Mr Sutra, Mr Thareau and Mr Vitale.

The report was tabled on 23 March 1984.

The opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection are attached.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report will be indicated in the draft agenda for the part-session at which it will be debated.

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The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following amendments to the Commission's proposal and motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement.

Proposal for a Council regulation (EEC) laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirituous beverages and of vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or other aromatic substances.

<u>Amendments_tabled_by_the</u>	Text_proposed_by_the_Commission
<u>Committee_on_Agriculture</u>	<u>of the European Communities</u>

#### Preamble and recitals unchanged

Article 1

Article 1

1. Unchanged.

Amendment No. 1 Amend Article 1(1)(a)(i) as follows: (a) Spirituous beverage:

- (i) An alcoholic liquid with a minimum alcoholic strength of 15% by volume, unless otherwise decided on the basis of the procedure laid down in Article 14, intended for human consumption having particular organoleptic qualities and produced: (rest unchanged)
- In this Regulation the following general terms shall have the following meanings:
  - (a) Spirituous beverage:
    - (i) An alcoholic liquid intended for human consumption having particular organoleptic qualities and produced:
      - either directly by distillation,
         with or without added flavourings,
         of natural fermented liquids;
      - or by the addition of various flavourings, various types of sugar or other products to ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin.

## Indent (ii) unchanged

#### Amendment No. 2

<u>Amend Article 1(1)(a)(iii) as follows</u>:

- (iii) Wines as defined in Regulations (EEC) Nos. 337/79 and 338/79, liqueur wines, sparkling wines, semi-sparkling wines, aromatized wines, and musts shall not be considered spirituous beverages.
- (iii) Liqueur wines, sparkling wines, semi-sparkling wines and aromatized wines shall not be considered spirituous beverages.

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(b) Category of spirituous beverage:
(b) Unchanged
                                                all spirituous beverages which
                                                  correspond to a given definition.
Amendment No. 3
Amend_Article_1(1)(c)_as_follows:
                                              Sugar:
(c) <u>Sugar</u>:
                                              semi-white sugar, white sugar, refined
    semi-white sugar, white sugar, refined
                                              white sugar, dextrose, fructose, glucose
    white sugar, <u>caramel</u>, dextrose,
                                              syrup, liquid sugar, invert liquid sugar,
    fructose, glucose syrup, liquid sugar,
                                              invert sugar syrup.
    invert liquid sugar, invert sugar
    syrup.
                      Subparagraphs (d), (e) and (f) unchanged.
Amendment No. 4
Amend Article 1(1)(g) as follows:
                                              (g) Maturing or ageing:
(g) <u>Maturing or ageing</u>:
    allowing certain reactions to develop
                                                  allowing certain reactions to develop
    naturally, in appropriate barrels,
                                                  naturally, in the wood, thereby giving
    thereby giving the spirituous beverage
                                                  the spirituous beverage in question
    in question organoleptic qualities
                                                  organoleptic qualities previously
    previously absent.
                                                  absent.
Amendment No. 5
Amend Article 1(1)(h) as follows:
                                              (h) Ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin:
(h) Ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin:
                                                  ethyl alcohol obtained from agricultural
    ethyl alcohol obtained by distillation
                                                  products listed in Annex II to the Treaty.
    after alcoholic fermentation of alcohol-
    producing agricultural products,
    excluding spirituous beverages as
    defined in Article 1(1)(a).
                    Subparagraphs (i), (j), (k) and (l) unchanged
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2. Unchanged.
                                                  In this Regulation the following terms
                                                  relating to spirituous beverages shall
                                                  have the following meanings:
(a) <u>Rum:</u>
                                              (a) <u>Rum</u>:
                                      Unchanged
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Amendment No. 6

Add a new subparagraph (a) (a) to Article 1(2) as follows:

(a)(a) <u>Traditional\_rum\_from\_the\_French</u>
<u>Overseas\_Departments</u>:

Traditional rum from the French Overseas Departments is a rum which in addition to the characteristics listed in Article 1(2)(a) relating to the exclusive nature of the agricultural raw material (sugar cane) and the presence of aromatic principles which give rum its specific characteristics, is produced exclusively at the places of production of the cane sugar from which the distilled raw materials for producing alcohol have originated and whose total content of secondary volatile substances must not be lower than 225 grams per hectolitre of 100% vol. alcohol measured by the gas chromatograph method.

# Amendment No. 7

Amend\_Article\_1(2)(b)

# <u>as\_follows</u>:

- (b) <u>Whisky\_or\_whiskey</u>:
  - a spirituous beverage produced by:
  - saccharifying a mash of cereals
     by the diastase of malt contained
     therein and/or other natural
     enzymes,
  - fermenting by the action of yeast,
  - distilling at less than 94.8% by volume so that the distillate has an aroma and flavour derived from the raw materials used, and
  - maturing for at least 3 years in wooden casks of not more than 700 litres.

(b) Whisky or Whiskey

a spirituous beverage produced by distillation of a mash of cereals

- saccharified by the diastase of the malt contained therein, with or without other added natural diastases;
- fermented by the action of yeast;
- distilled at less than 94.8% vol. so that the distillate has an aroma and flavour derived from the raw materials used, aged for at least three years in wooden casks holding less than 7001.

# Unchanged.

# Amendment No. 8 Amend Article 1(2)(d) as follows: (d) Korn (Kornbrand, Kornbranntwein): a spirituous beverage without any additives whatsoever produced either by the distillation of a fermented mash, with all its constituents, of whole grains of wheat, barley, oats, rye or buckwheat exclusively or from a grain spirit obtained by distillation of a fermented mash, with all its constituents, of whole grains of wheat, barley, oats, rye or buckwheat exclusively. 'Roggenbrand' and 'Weizenbrand' are names for a Korn made out of rye and wheat respectively.

(d) Korn:

a spirituous beverage produced without added flavouring either by distillation of a fermented mash of whole grains of wheat, barley, oats, rye or buckwheat exclusively or from a grain spirit obtained by distillation of a fermented mash of whole grains of wheat, barley, oats, rye or buckwheat.

(e) Juniper-flavoured spirituous beverage: (e) Juniper-flavoured spirituous beverage:

Unchanged.

Amendment No. 9

Add a new subparagraph (e)(e)

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to Article 1(2) as follows:
(e)(e) Distilled London gin:
       Distilled London gin is a gin made
       only by re-distilling organolep-
      tically suitable alcohol of
       agricultural origin (first-grade
      quality) of an original strength
      of at least 96% using traditional gin
      pot-stills in the presence of juniper
      berries and other natural botanicals
       to give a flavour predominantly that
       of juniper. It can also include a
       mixture of the produce of this
       distillation with agricultural alcohol
      of a similar base, purity and strength.
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Gins\_made\_by\_the\_simple\_addition of\_essences\_or\_flavouring\_to\_alcohol of\_agricultural\_origin\_cannot\_be described\_as\_'distilled\_London\_gin'.

(f) Cumin-flavoured spirituous beverage:

(f)Cumin-flavoured spirituous beverage:

Unchanged.

Amendment\_No.\_10 Add\_a\_new\_subparagraph\_(f)(f)\_ to\_Article\_1(2)\_as\_follows:

(f)(f) Aguavit:

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a spirituous beverage produced from neutral alcohol of agricultural origin, from grain spirit, potato spirit or molasses spirit, with the use of a distillate of herbs or spices. A considerable part of the flavour must be attributable to the distillates of caraway seed and/or dill seed, the addition of essential oils not being permissible. Other spices may be added and yellowish or brownish colouring by means of natural substances and/or caramel is also permissible. The extract content may not exceed 1.5 g per 100 ml and bitter principles may not determine the flavour.

(g) Aniseed-flavoured spirituous beverage: (g) Aniseed-flavoured spirituous beverage:

Unchanged.

(h) <u>Vodka</u>:

(h) <u>Vodka</u>:

Unchanged.

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# Amendment No. 11 Amend Article 1(2)(i) as follows:

- (i) <u>Wine spirit</u>:
  - a spirituous beverage
  - produced by distillation of wine or wine fortified for distillation exclusively, or by re-distillation of a raw wine distillate, to a maximum of 86% vol., and which has not undergone coupage with neutral ethyl\_alcohol\_of\_agricultural\_origin;
- (i) Wine spirit:
  - a spirituous beverage
  - produced by distillation of wine or wine fortified for distillation exclusively, or by re-distillation of a raw wine distillate:

Second and third indents unchanged. Subparagraphs (j) and (k) unchanged.

# Amendment No. 12

# Amend Article 1(2)(1) as follows:

- (l) Grappa:
  - a spirituous beverage
  - produced exclusively by direct distillation of grape marc to less than 86% vol., to which may be added a percentage of lees to be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14;
  - on the basis of the procedure laid down in Article 14, a total quantity of volatile substances other than ethyl and methyl alcohol exceeding 140 g per hl of 100% vol. alcohol;
  - unchanged

- (L) Grappa:
- a spirituous beverage
- produced exclusively by direct distillation of grape marc to which may be added a percentage of lees to be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14;
- containing, <u>unless\_otherwise\_decided</u> containing a total quantity of volatile substances other than ethyl and methyl alcohol exceeding 140 g per hl of 100% vol. alcohol;
  - having a maximum methyl alcohol content of 1,000 g per hl of 100% vol. alcohol.

(m) <u>Cherry\_ plum\_ mirabelle,</u> <u>peach\_ apple\_ pear\_or\_other</u> <u>fruit\_spirits:</u>

spirituous beverages

- unchanged

(m) Cherry, plum, mirabelle, peach, apple, pear or other fruit spirits:

#### spirituous beverages

- produced exclusively by alcoholic fermentation and distillation of one of the above fruits;
- distilled at less than 86% vol. so that the distillate has an aroma and flavour derived from the raw materials used;
- containing a total quantity of volatile sutstances other than ethyl and methyl alcohol exceeding 200g per hl of 100% vol. alcohol;
- having a maximum methyl alcohol content of 1000 g per hl of 100% vol. alcohol.

However, raspberry, blackberry, bilberry and other wild berry or fruit spirits may also be produced by distillation in agricultural alcohol of the partially fermented berries exclusively, with a maximum yield of 20l of 100% vol. alcohol for every 100 kg of fruit used. The hydrocyanic acid content of stonefruit spirits may not exceed 10 g per hl of 100% vol. alcohol. Amendment\_No.\_13 Add\_the\_following\_at\_the\_end\_of Article\_1(2)(m): Certain\_products\_may\_be\_granted\_exemption from\_these\_provisions\_on\_the\_basis\_of\_the procedure\_laid\_down\_in\_Article\_14\_\_in particular\_traditional\_products\_ the\_manufacture\_and\_marketing\_of\_which\_account\_for a\_substantial\_share\_of\_the\_incomes\_of certain\_Community\_farmers.

- The name 'Williams' may be applied only to pear spirit produced exclusively from William pears.
- <u>The name 'Slivoric' may be applied</u> <u>to the plum spirit produced in the</u> <u>Italian regions of Venezia, Friuli-</u> <u>Venezia Giulia and Trentino-Alto Adige</u>.

Amendment No. 14

Amend Article 1(2)(n) as follows:

- (n) <u>Cider or perry spirits</u>:
  - spirituous beverages
  - produced exclusively by distillation of beverages obtained by <u>the natural</u> fermentation of apple or pear juice;
  - unchanged

- (n) <u>Cider or perry spirits:</u>
   spirituous beverages
  - produced exclusively by distillation of beverages obtained by fermentation of apple or pear juice;
  - satisfying the requirements of the second, third and fourth indents relating to fruit spirits.

Amendment No. 15 Amend Article 1(2)(o) as follows: (o) Gentian spirit: (o) Gentian spirit: a spirituous beverage produced by a spirituous beverage produced by distillation of a fermented mash of distillation of a fermented mash of gentian roots with or without the gentian roots. addition of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin. (p) Liqueur: (p) Liqueur: Unchanged. Amendment No. 16 Amend Article 1(2)(g) as follows: (q) Advocaat (q) Advocaat or Eierlikör rest unchanged Paragraphs 3 and 4 unchanged Article 2 unchanged Article 3 Article 3 1. Unchanged 1. For the spirituous beverages listed below, the minimum alcoholic strength by volume for release for human consumption in the Community under one of the names appearing in Article 1(2) and (3) shall be as follows: (a) for whisky or whiskey: 40% by (a) unchanged volume; Amendment No. 17 Amend Article 3(1)(b) and (c) as follows: (b) for rum, spirits, gin, vodka and (b) for rum, spirits (as defined aquavit: 38% by volume; in Article 1(2)(c), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n) and (o) of this Regulation), gin, vodka, aquavit, Kornbrand, Weizenbrand, Roggenbrand and Ouzo: 38% by volume:

(c) for korn <u>or Kornbranntwein</u>: 32% by volume; (c) for korn: 32% by volume;

indent (d) unchanged

#### Paragraphs 2 and 3 unchanged - 13 -

#### Articles 4 to 7 unchanged

Article 8

Article 8

Paragraph 1 unchanged

## Amendment\_No\_\_18

# Amend Article 8(2)(a) as follows:

2(a) In cases where the spirituous beverages or aromatized wines in question 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 beverages may be accompanied or replaced by a geographical ascription, which shall not, <u>unless</u> <u>otherwise decided by the Council, acting</u> <u>by a gualified majority on a proposal</u> <u>from the Commission</u>, correspond to an entire national territory.

2(a) In cases where the spirituous beverages or aromatized wines in question 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 beverages may be accompanied or replaced by a geographical ascription, which shall not, however, correspond to an entire national territory.

Unchanged

Unchanged

The use of such geographical ascriptions shall be restricted to these beverages.

These beverages are listed in Annex II.

Subparagraph (b) unchanged

## Article 9 unchanged

Article 10: paragraphs 1 and 2 unchanged

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Amendment_No._19
Add_a_new_subparagraph_(g)_to
Article_10(2)_as_follows:
(g) 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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Paragraph 3 unchanged Articles 11 to 16 unchanged

# Amendment\_No.\_20

Add a new Article 16(a) as follows:

# Article 16(a)

For products listed in Annex II, the Commission shall draw up, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14, a system of authenticating documents for their exportation from the Community, with a view to eliminating fraud and counterfeiting.

Amendment No. 21

Add a new Article 16(b) to read as follows:

Article 16(b)

- To facilitate the changeover from the present arrangements to those laid down in this Regulation, transitional measures shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 14.
- These transitional measures shall be applied for a maximum of two years following the entry into force of this Regulation.

Amendment No. 22 Amend Article 17 as follows: Article 17

Unchanged.

It shall apply from <u>1\_July 1984</u>. Unchanged.

## Article 17

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply from 1 July 1983.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

ANNEX II

Amendment No. 23

Add the following to Annex II:

- I. SPIRITUOUS BEVERAGES
- A. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
- (a) Unchanged.
- (b) Fruit\_spirits: Schwarzwälder Himbeergeist Schwarzwälder Kirsch Schwarzwälder Mirabellenwasser Schwarzwälder Williams Schwarzwälder Zwetschgenwasser Schwarzwälder Kirsch or Schwarzwälder Kirschwasser Fränkisches Zwetschgenwasser Fränkisches Kirschwasser Fränkisches Milliams

- I. SPIRITUOUS BEVERAGES
- A. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
- (a) Juniper-flavoured spirituous beverages: Steinhäger
- (b) <u>Fruit\_spirits</u>: Schwarzwälder Himbeergeist Schwarzwälder Kirsch

(v) Unchanged.

- (c) Ligueurs\_or\_specialities: Bayerischer Gebirgsenzian Benediktbeurer Klostergold Chiemseer Klosterlikör Ettaler Klosterlikör Königsberger Bärenfang Ostpreussischer Bärenfang Stonsdorfer
- (d) <u>Cumin-flavoured\_spirituous\_beverages:</u>
   Berliner\_Kümmel
   Hamburger\_Kümmel
   Münchner\_Kümmel

- B. FRANCE
- I. Unchanged
- II. <u>Regulated spirits</u>
  - (a) unchanged
  - (b) unchanged
  - (c) unchanged
  - (d) Fruit\_spirits Mirabelle de Lorraine Kirsch\_d'Alsace Quetsch\_d'Alsace Framboise\_d'Alsace Mirabelle\_d'Alsace Kirsch\_de\_Fougerolles
- III. Unchanged
- IV. Unchanged
- C. IRELAND

Irish Whiskey Irish Pot Still Whiskey Irish Cream

- NITED KINGDOM
  - 'a) unchanged.
  - (b) <u>Gin</u> <u>Distilled\_London\_Gin</u> <u>Plymouth\_Gin</u>

E. Unchanged

- B. FRANCE
- I. <u>Spirits with a registered designation</u> of origin
- II. <u>Regulated spirits</u>
  - (a) <u>Wine spirits</u>
  - (b) <u>Marc spirits</u>
  - (c) <u>Cider and perry spirits</u>
  - (d) <u>Fruit spirits</u> Mirabelle de Lorraine

- III. <u>Traditional rums from the overseas</u> <u>departments</u>
- IV. Ligueurs
- C. <u>IRELAND</u> Irish Whiskey Irish Pot Still Whiskey
- D. UNITED KINGDOM
  - (a) <u>Whisky</u> Scotch Whisky
- E. <u>DENMARK</u> <u>Cumin-flavoured spirituous beverage</u> Aalborg akvavit

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F. ITALY F. ITALY (a) Grappa Grappa Grappa di Barolo Grappa di Barolo Grappa Piemontese o del Piemonte Grappa Lombarda o della Lombardia Grappa Trentina o del Trentino Grappa\_Fruilana\_o\_del\_Friuli Grappa\_Veneta\_o\_del\_Veneto Südtiroler Treber - Südtiroler Grappa Grappa dell'Alto Adige Grappa del Chianti (b) Wine Spirits Maraschino Maraschino di Zara Maraschine Dalmata (c) Fruit spirits - Williams dell'Alto Adige Südtiroler Williams Südtiroler Aprikot or - Aprikot dell'Alto Adige Südtiroler Marille - Kirsch dell'Alto Adige Südtiroler Kirsch - Zwetschgeler dell'Alto Adige Südtiroler Zwetschgeler - Obstler dell'Alto Adige Südtiroler Obstler - Gravensteiner dell'Alto Adige Südtiroler Gravensteiner - Golden Delicious dell'Alto Adige Südtiroler Golden Delicious Williams friulano o del Fruili Slivowitz\_del\_Veneto SLivowitz del Fruili Venezia Guilia Slivowitz del Trentino Alto Adige Distillato di mele trentino o de Trentino Williams trentino o del Trentino Sliwovitz trentino o de Trentino Aprikot trentino o del Trentino (d) Other - Genziana dell'Alto Adige Südtiroler Enzian <u>Genziana trentino o del Trentino</u> G. NETHERLANDS G. Unchanged Juniper-flavoured spirituous beverages Schiedam Schiedamse jenever (genever) Friesch jenever (genever) - 19 -PE 88.176/fin.

H. <u>GREECE</u>

Unchanged

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<u>Marc\_spirit</u> Tsikoudia

- <u>Other</u> <u>Cretan\_Raki</u> <u>Peloponnesian\_Mastichia</u> <u>Macedonian\_Masticha</u> <u>Macedonian\_Tsipouro</u>
- I. Unchanged

I. BELGIUM
Juniper\_flavoured\_spirituous\_beverage
Hasselt

- J. LUXEMBOURG
- (a) <u>Fruit spirits</u>
  - Mirabelle-Luxembourg\_productKirsch-Luxembourg\_productQuetsch-Luxembourg\_productPomme-Luxembourg\_productPoire-Luxembourg\_productPrunelle-Luxembourg\_productMarc-Luxembourg\_productGrain-Luxembourg\_product
- II. Unchanged

- II. AROMATIZED WINES
- A. FRANCE

Vermouth de Chambéry

B. ITALY

Vermouth de Turin

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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirituous beverages and of vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or other aromatic substances

#### The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(82) 328 final),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-508/82),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 1-64/84),
- having regard to the result of the vote on the Commission's proposal,
- A. whereas spirituous beverages, vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or other aromatic substances constitute an important economic sector,
- B. whereas the Commission's proposal will protect:
  - (a) producers by ensuring that particular designations are recognized within the Community for products complying with a common definition and produced in accordance with traditional methods of production,
  - (b) consumers by ensuring that products bearing traditional names will meet the expected quality standards,
  - (c) products with recognized national designations of origin,
- Approves the Commission's proposal subject to the foregoing amendments and the comments set out below;
- Welcomes the Commission's decision to propose a regulation rather than
   a directive as this will ensure uniform application and coordinated
   implementation of the measures throughout the Community by Member States;

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- 3. Requests the Commission, in order to clarify the regulation and facilitate its adoption, to divide its proposal into two regulations, one for spirituous beverages and the other for vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or other aromatic substances;
- 4. Welcomes the minimum strength provisions as a further means of protecting producers and consumers against deception and imitation;
- 5. Considers that the terms 'flavouring', 'sweetening', 'distillate' and 'liqueur' should be included under the provisions applicable to spirituous beverages (Article 1(1)), these being operations widely used in the manufacture of spirituous beverages or products commonly produced;
- 6. Asks, with regard to the definition of certain spirituous beverages:
  (a) that the definition of grain spirit be made more precise so as to distinguish it from ethyl alcohol produced from grain and Korn,
  - (b) that the definition of aniseed-flavoured spirituous beverages be revised to indicate the individual characteristics of 'anis', 'pastis' and 'ouzo';
- 7. Proposes the following definitions for 'anis', 'pastis', and 'ouzo':

#### <u>Anis:</u>

'A group of spirituous beverages whose predominant flavour is produced by natural extracts, possibly refined, of star anise (or Chinese anise), anise, fennel (or Paris anise) or of any other plant containing the same chief aromatic substance'.

#### Pastis:

'A variety of anise liqueur containing liquorice extracts whose alcoholic strength exceeds 40% by volume'.

#### <u>Ouzo</u>:

'Ouzo is the aniseed-flavoured spirituous beverage traditionally produced by redistillation, under special conditions, of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin in the presence of aniseed, mastic (Pistachia Lentiscus or Latifolia) and other aromatic plants and seeds traditionally used in its manufacture, after or without coupage with ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin.'

Ouzo must have an alcoholic strength exceeding 38% by volume.

- 8. Asks that the name 'grappa' be reserved for Italy and the Swiss canton of Tessin and that the name 'aquavite di vinaccia' be used in Italy only for products which have a right to the name 'grappa';
- 9. Recommends that the definitions of spirituous beverages also include gentian liqueur and bitters;
- 10. Calls on the Commission to adopt, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty, the amendments tabled to its proposal for a regulation and to take account of the modifications proposed in this resolution;
- 11. Instructs its President to forward to the Council and Commission, as Parliament's opinion, the Commission's proposal as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution.