

Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	1995/0287(COD) Procedure completed
Aromatized wines and aromatized wine-based drinks: definition, description and presentation (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91)	
Subject 3.10.06.08 Wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	EDN MARTIN Philippe-Armand	11/12/1995
	Former committee responsible		
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	Former committee for opinion		
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1946	17/09/1996
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1918	29/04/1996

Key events			
23/11/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0570	Summary
11/12/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
21/02/1996	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
21/02/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0043/1996	
13/03/1996	Debate in Parliament		Summary
14/03/1996	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0122/1996	Summary
29/04/1996	Council position published	06762/1/1995	Summary
23/05/1996	Committee referral announced in		

	Parliament, 2nd reading		
25/06/1996	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
25/06/1996	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0210/1996	
15/07/1996	Debate in Parliament		Summary
16/07/1996	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0390/1996	Summary
17/09/1996	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		Summary
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08/10/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/10/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	AGRI/4/07818

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0570 OJ C 028 01.02.1996, p. 0008	23/11/1995	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0043/1996 OJ C 078 18.03.1996, p. 0003	21/02/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0122/1996 OJ C 096 01.04.1996, p. 0222-0235	14/03/1996	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0413/1996 OJ C 174 17.06.1996, p. 0030	27/03/1996	ESC	Summary
Council position	06762/1/1995 OJ C 196 06.07.1996, p. 0130	29/04/1996	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1996)0885	22/05/1996	EC	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0210/1996 OJ C 211 22.07.1996, p. 0003	25/06/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0390/1996 OJ C 261 09.09.1996, p. 0017-0023	16/07/1996	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Aromatized wines and aromatized wine-based drinks: definition, description and presentation (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91)

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a regulation aimed to amend the definition of aromatised wines to take account of certain traditional practices in some Member States. SUBSTANCE: the main amendments to Regulation 1601/91/EEC concerned: - the use of grape musts to supplement wines and the minimum wine content of aromatised wines and aromatised beverages; - clarification of the rules on the processing of aromatised wines; - the definition of Glühwein. ?

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The Committee on Agriculture adopted the report by Mr MARTIN. As regards the definition, the committee felt that it should refer to a traditional, non-industrial product and that, as a result, the proposal to prohibit the addition of water should be maintained. ?

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The rapporteur, Mr MARTIN (EDN, F), called for the deletion of the words 'subject to possible enrichment with non-vine products' when referring to wines or must used in the preparation of aromatised wine, which must be present in the finished product in a proportion of not less than 75%. Commissioner Fischler accepted this amendment. However, he rejected the proposal that sought to permit only dry sugar to be used as a sweetener for Glühwein, taking the view that the liquid sugar normally used for the preparation of Glühwein contained very little water.

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In adopting the report by Mr Philippe-Armand MARTIN (EDN, F), the European Parliament approved the amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 on aromatized wines. The EP strengthened the text by proposing the deletion of the words 'before possible enrichment with non-vine products' in the case of wines and musts used in the preparation of aromatized wine which must be present in the finished product in a proportion of not less than 75%. On the other hand, the EP rejected the amendments to forbid the addition of water to the wine base and to limit the possibilities for sweetening Glühwein to sugar.

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The Committee approves the Commission proposal. ?

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The common position of the Council incorporated, in whole or in part, the three amendments adopted by the European Parliament at first reading. The Council also made additional changes to the Commission proposal at the request of national delegations: - inclusion of a reference to 'quality wines produced in specified regions' in the definition of 'Kalte Ente'; - a different formulation of the definition of 'Glühwein' to prohibit the addition of water except for the purpose of possible sweetening by means of liquid substances, and inclusion of transitional measures concerning this point (until 31/08/98); - amendment of the definition of 'Viinigloögi/Vinglögg' to permit sweetening with all the substances referred to in Art. 3(a); - insertion of synonyms for certain descriptions and indications referred to in the Italian text of Art. 2(2) and (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 91/1601; - inclusion of 'Thüringer Glühwein' among the geographical denominations listed in Annex II to the Regulation. ?

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The Commission considered the Council's common position acceptable. The amendments made to the original proposal did not affect the

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This is a recommendation for second reading (codecision procedure) based on Article 110A of the Treaty. As the Council had incorporated the three amendments adopted by the European Parliament at first reading in its common position, the Committee on Agriculture adopted the draft recommendation. The report is on the order of business for the next sitting in July.?

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Welcoming the fact that the three amendments adopted by Parliament at first reading had been taken over in the common position, the rapporteur, Mr MARTIN (UPE, F), also pointed out that the concept of the 'traditional product' had been developed by the Council; he therefore recommended that the common position should be approved. Commissioner Fischler welcomed the level of agreement reached between Parliament and the Council.

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In adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mr Philippe MARTIN (EDN, F), Parliament approved, without amendment, the common position on the proposal amending Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine-product cocktails. ?

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The Council definitively adopted the Regulation by qualified majority, with the Spanish delegation voting against the proposal.

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OBJECTIVE: to amend the definition of aromatized wines to take account of certain traditional practices in some Member States.

COMMUNITY MEASURE: Regulation (EC) No 2061/96 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine-product cocktails. SUBSTANCE: the main amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 concern: -the use of grape musts to supplement wines and the minimum wine content of aromatized wines and aromatized beverages; -clarification of the rules on the processing of aromatized wines; -the definition of Glühwein. DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 02/11/1996. ?