


Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	1994/0229(COD) Procedure completed
Definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks, Uruguay Round	
Subject 3.10.06.08 Wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages 6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO)	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations		04/11/1994
		PSE RANDZIO-PLATH Christa	
	Former committee responsible		
	RELA External Economic Relations		04/11/1994
		PSE RANDZIO-PLATH Christa	
	Former committee for opinion		
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		14/11/1994
		FE SANTINI Giacomo	
	BUDG Budgets		03/11/1994
	V MÜLLER Edith		
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy		23/11/1994	
	PPE ARGYROS Stelios		
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights			
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
DEVE Development and Cooperation			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Health	1823	22/12/1994
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1816	13/12/1994

Key events			
05/10/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0414	Summary
14/11/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		

06/12/1994	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
06/12/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0098/1994	
12/12/1994	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
12/12/1994	Debate in Parliament		
13/12/1994	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0172/1994	Summary
13/12/1994	Council position published	10922/1994	Summary
14/12/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
14/12/1994	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
15/12/1994	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0193/1994	Summary
22/12/1994	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
22/12/1994	Final act signed		
22/12/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/12/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/0229(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 66_o-p4; EC before Amsterdam E 043; EC before Amsterdam E 100A
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/06289

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1994)0414	05/10/1994	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1309/1994 OJ C 397 31.12.1994, p. 0039	24/11/1994	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0098/1994 OJ C 018 23.01.1995, p. 0005	06/12/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0172/1994 OJ C 018 23.01.1995, p. 0026-0033	13/12/1994	EP	Summary
Council position	10922/1994 OJ C 369 24.12.1994, p. 0001	13/12/1994	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1994)2173	13/12/1994	EC	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0193/1994 OJ C 018 23.01.1995, p. 0136-0154	15/12/1994	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission

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Final act

[Regulation 1994/3378](#)

[OJ L 366 31.12.1994, p. 0001](#) Summary

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The purpose of this proposal for a regulation is to amend Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 and Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 following the results of the Uruguay Round negotiations, so as to bring them into line with the obligations under articles 23 and 24 of the agreement on trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights which forms an integral part of the agreement creating the World Trade Organization. The proposed changes will give interested parties the right to prevent the illegal use of indications of geographical origin protected by a third country belonging to the World Trade Organization, subject to certain circumstances.?

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The committee unanimously adopted the report by Mrs RANDZIO-PLATH approving the text proposed by the Commission without amendment. The GATT agreement makes provision for indications of regional origin on spirit drinks to be legally protected from abusive imitation. Commercial intellectual property holders will be able to take legal action against third countries using protected geographical indications illegally.?

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The Council's common position incorporates the European Parliament's amendments calling for a new article making provision for the Commission to present the European Parliament and the Council with a report on the application of the planned measures and for the regulation to enter into force on 1 January 1995 (to be applied as of 1 January 1996). For the rest, the Council kept to the terms of the initial proposal, with the exception of the procedure for deciding any terms of application of the provisions in the new articles on protection in the Community of geographical indications on products from third countries. Here the Council felt it was preferable to use the so-called "III (a)" procedure provided for in the regulations amended by this proposal.?

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Parliament approved the Commission proposal subject to two amendments calling for: - the Commission to present the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers with an annual report on acts in force, backed up by suitable statistics, - the regulation to enter into force on 1 January 1995. The Commission accepted these amendments.?

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The European Parliament approved the common position without amendment.?

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OBJECTIVE: to bring the regulations laying down general rules on the definition and presentation of spirit drinks and aromatised wines into line with the obligations under articles 23 and 24 of the agreement on trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights which forms part of the agreement creating the World Trade Organisation. COMMUNITY MEASURE: European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 3378/94 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 and Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 on the definition and presentation of spirit drinks and aromatised wines following the Uruguay Round negotiations. CONTENT: . The amendments introduced in the regulation grant interested parties the right to prevent the illegal use of indications of geographical origin protected by a third country belonging to the World Trade Organisation, subject to certain conditions. . The Commission will present the European Parliament and the Council with an annual report on the application of the acts in force, backed up by suitable statistics. - Date of entry into force: 1 January 1995 - The regulation will apply as of 1 January 1996.?