NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** European Union  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  European Commission  EU-TBT Enquiry Point  Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43  E-mail: [grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu](mailto:grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu)  Website: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/> |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Wine products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards analysis methods for determining the physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics of grapevine products and notifications of Member States decisions concerning increases in natural alcoholic strength (4 pages + Annex 2 pages, in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 provides for European Union (EU) rules on categories of grapevine products, oenological practices and the applicable restrictions for the wine sector and empowers the Commission to adopt delegated and implementing acts setting out the technical details on these matters in particular on authorised oenological, practices, products and processes for all the categories of wine products.  The purpose of this implementing act is to supplement Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards the applicable EU analysis methods and the notification of EU Member States decisions allowing an increase in natural alcoholic strength.  The Delegated and Implementing Regulations repeal and replace Commission Regulation (EC) No 606/2009 **of 10 July 2009 laying down certain detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 as regards the categories of grapevine products, oenological practices and the applicable restrictions** (OJ L 193 24.7.2009, p. 1).  Please note that only the provisions related to technical standards, definitions and labelling would fall under the scope of the TBT Agreement. Elements pertaining to intellectual property rights, in particular to the application and/or implementation of Geographical Indications (GIs) are included in this notification as part of a legislative package but clearly falling outside the scope of the TBT agreement. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The draft implementing act is laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards analysis methods for determining the physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics of grapevine products and notifications of Member States decisions concerning increases in natural alcoholic strength. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671-854).   <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1502976703496&uri=CELEX:32013R1308>   * **Commission regulation (EC) No 606/2009 of 10 July 2009 laying down certain detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 as regards the categories of grapevine products, oenological practices and the applicable restrictions** (OJ L 193 24.7.2009, p. 1).   <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1541668616830&uri=CELEX:02009R0606-20180303> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**March 2019  **Proposed date of entry into force:**20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: [grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu](mailto:grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu)  The text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_6548_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_6548_01_e.pdf> |