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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks[(1)], and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 provides that the spirit drinks of the category 32 '*Liqueur*' are produced by flavouring ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin or a distillate of agricultural origin or one or more spirit drinks or a mixture thereof, sweetened and with the addition of products of agricultural origin or foodstuffs such as cream, milk or other milk products, fruit, wine or aromatised wine. However, the basic organoleptic properties characterising this category of spirit drink do not require both the flavouring and the addition of products of agricultural origin or foodstuffs. The use of one of them is sufficient to obtain a product with the characteristics generally expected by consumers for a liqueur. The marketing under the category 32 '*Liqueur*' of spirit drinks that are made either by flavouring ethyl alcohol or a distillate of agricultural origin or one or more spirit drinks or a mixture thereof or by adding products of agricultural origin or foodstuffs to them should therefore be allowed.

(2) Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Spirit Drinks,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

Changes to legislation: Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/235 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 December 2020. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

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

Done at Brussels, 18 February 2016.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER