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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 16 ‘Spirit (preceded by the name of the fruit) obtained by maceration and distillation’ can be obtained from the maceration and distillation of fruits or berries listed therein. In some Member States, this type of spirit drink is traditionally produced also with other fruits, which are not included in that list. Therefore the list of fruits or berries used for the production of spirit drinks under that category should be extended.

(2) Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 provides that the spirit drinks of the category 24 ‘*Akvavit* or *aquavit*’ are caraway and/or dillseed-flavoured spirit drinks flavoured with a distillate of plants or spices. Those spirit drinks are traditionally produced by using ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin. The current category of spirit drink ‘*Akvavit* or *aquavit*’ does not specify the obligation to use ethyl alcohol. However, using ethyl alcohol in the production of ‘*Akvavit* or *aquavit*’ is essential to ensure the quality of the product.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(4) 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.

Changes to legislation: Commission Regulation (EU) No 426/2014 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 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

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*.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 April 2014.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO