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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 28 February 2024

approving, on behalf of the European Union, the amendment of Annexes I, III(a), III(b) and VI to the Agreement between the European Community and Canada on trade in wines and spirit drinks

(C/2024/1750)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2004/91/EC of 30 July 2003 on the conclusion of the agreement between the European Community and Canada on trade in wines and spirit drinks ([1]), and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Agreement between the European Community and Canada on trade in wines and spirit drinks ([2]) ('the Agreement') was amended by the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part ([3]), which applies provisionally since 21 September 2017.

(2) The Joint Committee established by Article 27(1) of the Agreement ('the Joint Committee') is responsible for maintaining contact between the parties on all matters relating to the implementation and the functioning of the Agreement.

(3) Annex I to the Agreement lists oenological practices authorised by each Party. The Union has notified new authorised oenological practices to Canada, which should be added to that Annex.

(4) Annex III(a) to the Agreement lists geographical indications for wines originating in the Union which are eligible for registration as protected geographical indications in Canada. The Union has requested the addition of geographical indications to that annex. Canada has completed the review of 22 of the terms submitted by the Union.

(5) Annex III(b) to the Agreement lists geographical indications for wines originating in Canada which are eligible for protection in the Union. Canada has requested the addition of geographical indications to that Annex. The Commission has completed the examination of 15 of those geographical indications.

(6) Canada has submitted a request to update the list of competent bodies in Annex VI to the Agreement.

(7) Pursuant to Article 27(3) of the Agreement as amended by CETA, the Joint Committee is empowered to adopt amendments to the annexes of the Agreement.

(8) The position of the Union to be taken in the Joint Committee should therefore be laid down.

(9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

([1]) OJ L 35, 6.2.2004, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2004/91(1)/oj.
([2]) OJ L 35, 6.2.2004, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2004/91/oj.
([3]) OJ L 11, 14.01.2017, p. 23, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2017/37/oj.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The amendments to Annexes I, III(a), III(b) and VI to the Agreement, as set out in the draft Decision of the Joint Committee, are hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The text of the amending agreement, in the form of a draft Decision of the Joint Committee, is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The representative of the Union in the Joint Committee is authorised to approve the adoption of the Decision of the Joint Committee on behalf of the Union.

Article 3

The Decision of the Joint Committee shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* after its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 28 February 2024.

For the Commission
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Draft DECISION No …/2024 of the JOINT COMMITTEE established by the Agreement between the European Community and Canada on Trade in Wines and Spirit Drinks

of … 2024

amending Annexes I, III(a), III(b), IV(a) and VI to the Agreement between the European Community and Canada on Trade in Wines and Spirit Drinks

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the *Agreement between the European Community and Canada on Trade in Wines and Spirit Drinks*, done at Niagara-on-the-Lake on 16 September 2003 ('the Agreement'), as amended by the *Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part*, done at Brussels on 30 October 2016 (provisionally applied from 21 September 2017) and in particular Article 27(3) of the Agreement,

Whereas:

(1) Annex I to the Agreement lists oenological practices authorised for wines originating in Canada and in the European Union, respectively. The European Union has notified 17 new authorised oenological practices pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Agreement. Pursuant to Article 9(1) of the Agreement, those practices should be added to Annex I.

(2) Pursuant to Article 13 of the Agreement, the European Union has submitted to Canada a request to add geographical indications to Annex III(a) to the Agreement. Canada has reviewed 22 terms submitted by the European Union, which should be added to Annex III(a) to the Agreement.

(3) Pursuant to Article 13 of the Agreement, Canada has submitted to the Union a request to add geographical indications to Annex III(b) to the Agreement. The European Union has completed the examination of 15 terms submitted by Canada, which should be added to Annex III(b) to the Agreement.

(4) Pursuant to Article 16 of the Agreement, the European Union has submitted to Canada a request to add geographical indications to Annex IV(a) to the Agreement. Canada has reviewed 1 term submitted by the European Union, which should be added to Annex IV(a) to the Agreement.

(5) Pursuant to Article 27(3) of the Agreement, Canada has submitted to the European Union a request to update the list of competent bodies in Annex VI of the Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. In Annex I, Part B, the following entries are added:

'38. Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, at a maximum level of use of 0.01 %

39. Dimethyldicarbonate (DMDC), at a maximum level of use of 200 ppm

40. Lactic acid

41. Oak chips

42. Polygalacturonase (as "pectinase"), from *Trichoderma reesei* RF6197

43. Potassium carbonate

44. Potassium Polyaspartate, at a maximum level of use of 0.01 %

45. Yeast mannoproteins, at a maximum level of use of 0.04 %

46. In Canada there is no regulatory requirement for preclearance of processing aids or physical processes that are applied to wines or to ingredients that are used to manufacture wines, such as:

a) Aeration or oxygenation

b) Cation exchangers for acidification

c) Cation exchangers for tartaric stabilisation

d) Elimination of sulphur dioxide by physical processes

e) Ion exchange resins

f) Management of dissolved gas in wine using membrane contactors

g) Membrane coupling

h) Treatment by continuous high pressure processes

i) Treatment by discontinuous high pressure processes

However, in all cases, wine that is imported into Canada is required to satisfy the requirements set out in Canada's standard for wine found in the Food and Drug Regulation section B.02.100.'

2. In Annex III(a), the following section is added:

'IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

The following table lists wine geographical indications originating in the European Union and protected under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 ([1]) establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products:

Origin	Geographical indication
Spain	Campo de Cartagena
Spain	Catalunya
Spain	Jerez
Spain	Penedès
Spain	PRIORAT
Spain	Sherry
Spain	Xérès
France	Bourgogne Passe-tout-grains
Italy	Colli Altotiberini
Italy	Colli Asolani
Italy	Conegliano Valdobbiadene
Italy	Corti Benedettine del Padovano
Italy	Olevano Romano
Italy	Ormeasco di Pornassio
Italy	Prosecco
Italy	Riviera del Brenta
Italy	Terre dell' Alta Val d' Agri

([1]) 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),* ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1308/oj.

Italy	Torgiano Rosso Riserva
Italy	Valcamonica
Italy	Valtellina Rosso
Cyprus	Commandaria ([2])
Hungary	Tokaj / Tokaji'

3. In Annex III(b), the following entries are added:

'BC Gulf Islands

Beamsville Bench

British Columbia

Creek Shores

Four Mile Creek

Lincoln Lakeshore

Niagara Escarpment

Niagara Lakeshore

Niagara River

Niagara-on-the-Lake

Ontario

Short Hills Bench

St. David's Bench

Twenty Mile Bench

Vinemount Ridge'

4. In Annex IV(a), the following section is added:

'The following table lists geographical indications of spirit drinks originating in the European Union and protected under Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the definition, description, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks ([3]):

Origin	Geographical indication	Product category
France	Calvados Pays d'Auge	Cider spirits and perry spirits'

5. In Annex VI, the list of competent bodies is amended as follows:

'British Columbia Wine Institute (VQA Rules)' in subparagraph (a) is replaced with 'British Columbia Wine Association (VQA Rules)'

A third subparagraph is added: '(c) Conseil des Appellations Réservées et des Termes Valorisants'.

([2]) The equivalent term protected in the EU is "Κουμανδαρία".

([3]) Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the definition, description, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks, the use of ethyl alcohol and distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages and repealing Regulation (EC) No 110/2008. (*OJ L 130, 17.5.2019, p. 1*), ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/787/oj

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Contracting Parties have exchanged diplomatic notes confirming the completion of their respective procedures necessary for its entry into force.

This Decision is drawn up in duplicate in the authentic languages of the Agreement provided for in Article 40 of the Agreement each version being equally authentic.

Done at… on 202…

For the Joint Committee
The Head of Canada's Delegation

The Head of the EU Delegation