

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 223/2014****of 24 October 2014****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement [2015/1447]**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 716/2013 of 25 July 2013 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks <sup>(1)</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EU) No 1065/2013 of 30 October 2013 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks <sup>(2)</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) Commission Regulation (EU) No 97/2014 of 3 February 2014 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks <sup>(3)</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (4) Commission Regulation (EU) No 98/2014 of 3 February 2014 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks <sup>(4)</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (5) Commission Regulation (EU) No 426/2014 of 25 April 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks <sup>(5)</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (6) This Decision concerns legislation regarding spirit drinks. Legislation regarding spirit drinks shall not apply to Liechtenstein as long as the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products is extended to Liechtenstein, as specified in the introduction to Chapter XXVII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Liechtenstein.
- (7) Annex II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Chapter XXVII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

- (1) the following indents are added in point 9 (Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council):

— **32013 R 1065**: Commission Regulation (EU) No 1065/2013 of 30 October 2013 (OJ L 289, 31.10.2013, p. 48),

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 201, 26.7.2013, p. 21.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 289, 31.10.2013, p. 48.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 33, 4.2.2014, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 33, 4.2.2014, p. 3.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 125, 26.4.2014, p. 55.

- **32014 R 0097**: Commission Regulation (EU) No 97/2014 of 3 February 2014 (OJ L 33, 4.2.2014, p. 1),
  - **32014 R 0098**: Commission Regulation (EU) No 98/2014 of 3 February 2014 (OJ L 33, 4.2.2014, p. 3),
  - **32014 R 0426**: Commission Regulation (EU) No 426/2014 of 25 April 2014 (OJ L 125, 26.4.2014, p. 55).;
- (2) the following point is inserted after point 9 (Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council):
- ‘9a. **32013 R 0716**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 716/2013 of 25 July 2013 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks (OJ L 201, 26.7.2013, p. 21).’.

#### Article 2

The texts of Regulations (EU) No 1065/2013, (EU) No 97/2014, (EU) No 98/2014 and (EU) No 426/2014 and Implementing Regulation (EU) No 716/2013 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

#### Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 November 2014, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (\*).

#### Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 24 October 2014.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Kurt JÄGER

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(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.