Reduced rate of certain indirect taxes on "traditional" rum produced in Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique and Réunion

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The European Parliament adopted by 563 votes to 23, with 78 abstentions, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (Parliament's consultation), a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision amending Council Decision No 189/2014/EU authorising France to apply a reduced rate of certain indirect taxes on 'traditional' rum produced in Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique and Réunion and repealing Decision No 2007/659/EC.

Following the recommendation of its Committee on Regional Development, the European Parliament approved without amendment the Commission proposal which provides that, for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2020, the reduced rates of excise duty on rum are limited to an annual quota of **144 000 hectoliters of pure alcohol** (instead of 120 000 hap).