Definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks, Uruguay Round

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OBJECTIVE: to bring the regulations laying down general rules on the definition and presentation of spirit drinks and aromatised wines into line with the obligations under articles 23 and 24 of the agreement on trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights which forms part of the agreement creating the World Trade Organisation. COMMUNITY MEASURE: European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 3378/94 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 and Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 on the definition and presentation of spirit drinks and aromatised wines following the Uruguay Round negotiations. CONTENT: . The amendments introduced in the regulation grant interested parties the right to prevent the illegal use of indications of geographical origin protected by a third country belonging to the World Trade Organisation, subject to certain conditions. . The Commission will present the European Parliament and the Council with an annual report on the application of the acts in force, backed up by suitable statistics. - Date of entry into force: 1 January 1995 - The regulation will apply as of 1 January 1996.