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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 of 29 May 1989 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks⁽¹⁾, as amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 4(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 4(8) of Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 provides for the adoption of methods to be used for analysing spirit drinks. Reference methods should be used to ensure compliance with Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1014/90 of 24 April 1990 laying down detailed implementing rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2140/98⁽³⁾, when any official control takes place or in the event of a dispute.
- (2) As far as possible, it would be useful to adopt and describe as Community analytical reference methods generally recognised methods.
- (3) In order to take account of scientific advances and of differences in the equipment of official laboratories, the use of methods based on principles of measurement other than the reference methods described in the Annex hereto should be permitted under the responsibility of the laboratory director, where those methods offer adequate guarantees as regards results and in particular meet the criteria set in the Annex to Council Directive 85/591/EEC of 20 December 1985 concerning the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs intended for human consumption⁽⁴⁾ and if it can be shown that the variation in the accuracy, repeatability and reproducibility of the results obtained is within the limits of those obtained using the reference methods described in this Regulation. If that condition is met, the use of other analytical methods should be allowed. However, it is important to specify that in cases of dispute other methods may not replace reference methods.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Implementation Committee for Spirit Drinks,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 2870/2000, Introductory Text. (See end of Document for details)

- (1) OJ L 160, 12.6.1989, p. 1.
- (2) OJ L 105, 25.4.1990, p. 9.
- (3) OJ L 270, 7.10.1998, p. 9.
- (4) OJ L 372, 31.12.1985, p. 50.

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