

Annex: Transposition Note

Transposition Note setting out how the Spirit Drinks (Costs of Verification) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/2949) give effect to Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008.

The Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (the Commissioners") are designated as the authority responsible for verifying that a relevant spirit drink that is to be placed on the market using a geographical indication registered in Annex III to regulation (EC) 110/2008 complies with the specifications in the technical file relating to that geographical indication.

These Regulations transpose Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 concerning the verification of compliance of spirit drinks marketed with a geographical indication with the specifications in the technical file.

Article	Objective	Implementation
22	<p>Requires Member States to introduce measures ensuring that spirit drinks marketed with a protected geographical indication are produced in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in a technical file for the product.</p> <p>The costs of such verification of compliance with the specifications in the technical file shall be borne by the operators subject to those controls.</p>	<p>Regulation 3 provides that producers with facilities operating one or more production processes required to create a relevant spirit may apply to the Commissioners for verification of their processes.</p> <p>Regulation 4 provides that where an application is made for verification under the Regulations the Commissioners shall impose charges where verification is obtained and may impose charges where verification is not obtained.</p> <p>Regulation 5 provides that specific payment details for each relevant spirit drink will be provided in the verification scheme published by the Commissioners for that spirit drink.</p>