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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/723

of 26 February 2021

supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the setting up of a public register listing the bodies appointed by each Member State to supervise the ageing processes for spirit drinks

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the definition, description, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks, the use of ethyl alcohol and distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 ([1]), and in particular Article 19(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 13(6) of Regulation (EU) 2019/787 requires that the operations to age spirit drinks take place under revenue supervision of a Member State or supervision providing equivalent guarantees.

(2) For this purpose, each Member State is to appoint the bodies responsible for supervising such ageing processes and inform the Commission thereof so that it may set up a public register listing those appointed bodies.

(3) To this end, it is appropriate to set out rules concerning the setting up of that public register.

(4) This Regulation should apply from 25 May 2021, in accordance with Article 51(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/787,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Public register listing the bodies appointed to supervise ageing processes for spirit drinks

1. On the basis of notifications made by Member States in accordance with Article 1(1) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/724 ([2]), the Commission shall draw up and update a list of bodies appointed to supervise ageing processes for spirit drinks.

([1]) OJ L 130, 17.5.2019, p. 1.

([2]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/724 of 3 March 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the communications to be made by Member States to the Commission with regard to the bodies appointed to supervise ageing processes for spirit drinks and the competent authorities responsible for ensuring compliance with that Regulation (see page 3 of this Official Journal).

2. The Commission shall set up a public register containing the updated list of bodies appointed to supervise ageing processes. That register shall be in the form of a publicly accessible electronic database.

Article 2

Entry into force and application

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 25 May 2021.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 February 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN