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Amended proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

AMENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME REGULATION (EEC) NO 1601/91

LAYING DOWN GENERAL RULES ON THE DEFINITION, DESCRIPTION AND
PRESENTATION OF AROMATIZED WINES, AROMATIZED WINE-BASED DRINKS AND
AROMATIZED WINE-PRODUCT COCKTAILS

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 149(3)
of the EEC-Treaty)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These proposals concern spirit drinks and aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine-product cocktails. Their purpose is to prohibit from 1 January 1993 the use of lead-based closures in order to avoid contamination risks and pollution of the environment.

They were transmitted to the Council in February 1992⁽¹⁾. Parliament approved them on 8 July 1992⁽²⁾, and asked for a minor amendment to the definition of the drink "Kalte Ente" given in Article 2(3)(e) of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91. The Commission accepted this amendment. It proposed to the Council that the definition of "Sangria" in Article 2(3)(a) of the above Regulation be clarified; this would not change the meaning but would improve understanding as a result of a clearer presentation. On 23 July 1992 the Council adopted unanimously a common position in agreement with the Commission on:

- the amended proposal amending Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 and
- the proposal without amendments which amends Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89.

This document constitutes official transmission by the Commission of these amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91.

(1) COM(92)55 final of 21.2.1992.

(2) PV 22 11. PE 161.603 not yet published in the OJ.

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Article 1 is hereby amended as follows :

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Regulation (EEC) no 1601/91 is hereby amended as follows :

1. In Article 2 paragraphe 3 point a) the first subparagraph is replaced by :

"(a) Sangria :

a drink obtained from wine

- aromatized with the addition of natural citrus-fruit extracts or essences
- with or without the juice of such fruit
- possibly
 - = with the addition of spices
 - = sweetened
 - = with CO₂ added

and having on acquired alcoholic strength by volume of less than 12% vol."

2. In Article 2 paragraphe 3 the point e) is replaced by :

"(e) Kalte Ente :

an aromatized wine-based drink obtained by mixing wine, semi-sparkling wine or semi sparkling wine with added CO₂ with sparkling wine or sparkling wine with added CO₂, and adding natural lemon substances or extracts thereof, the taste of

which must be clearly perceptible. The finished product must contain not less than 25% by volume of the sparkling wine or sparkling with added CO₂:"

3. In Article 8 the following paragraphe 4a is added :

"4a. As from 1 January 1993, bottled products covered by this Regulation may only be held with a view to sale or placed on the market in containers fitted with closing devices not covered by lead-based capsules or foil.

However, the disposal of products in bottles fitted before that date with lead-based capsules or foil shall be authorized until stocks are used up."

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