

## COMMENTS FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION REGARDING NOTIFICATION

### G/TBT/N/TUR/107

#### Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Aromatised wine, Aromatised wine-based drink and Aromatised wine-product cocktails (Draft)

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the authorities of Turkey for providing the opportunity to comment on the "Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Aromatised wine, Aromatised wine-based drink and Aromatised wine-product cocktails (Draft)" notified on 12 October 2017.

Having examined the notified draft of the Turkish authorities, the EU would like to raise the issues below.

1. The notified draft includes product specifications for Sangria, Glühwein etc. The EU would like to point out that some of these specifications are defined under EU law as product designations and on this bases would like to obtain clarification on the rationale behind adding this type of product specification.
2. Article 4 (1) of the notified draft seems to exclude that aromatized wine can be made from fresh grape must to which alcohol has been added, with 12-15% vol strength. Also, the notified draft does not allow the addition of grape must, partially fermented grape must, or both.

The EU would like to request clarification on what is the rationale behind this exclusion.

3. Article 4(1) b) and 4(1) c) of the notified draft does not allow the addition of grape must, partially fermented grape must, or both. The EU would like to request clarification on what is the rationale behind this provision.
4. In Article 5 (1) a) concerning sweeteners, the notified draft refers to "defined in Turkish Food Codex" in relation to the sugar types indicated and to honey. The EU would like to suggest to Turkey to align this with CODEX international standards instead.
5. In Article 5 (1), in relation to flavourings, the notified draft refers to "defined in Turkish Food Codex". The EU would like to suggest to Turkey to align this with CODEX international standards instead.
6. In Article 5 (1) c), in relation to colouring, the notified draft refers to "defined in Turkish Food Codex". The EU would like to suggest to Turkey to align this with CODEX international standards instead.
7. Article 7 of the notified draft refers to "vermut" and not "vermouth". The EU would like to suggest to Turkey to refer to "vermouth".

8. In Article 8, in relation to additives, the notified draft refers to "defined in Turkish Food Codex". The EU would like to suggest to Turkey to align this with CODEX international standards instead.
9. Article 16 of the notified draft refers to the adding of caffeine, guarana and ginseng extracts as "should". The EU would like to request clarification on whether these substances "should" or "shall" be added and, in addition, on what is the rationale behind this provision.

The EU would be grateful if the above-mentioned comments could be taken into account and replied to.

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