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REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/154

of 23 January 2020

registering a geographical indication of a spirit drink under Article 30(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council 'Norsk Vodka'/'Norwegian Vodka'

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 30(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission examined Norway's application of 25 November 2016 for registration of the geographical indication 'Norsk Vodka'/'Norwegian Vodka' pursuant to Article 17(5) of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([2]).

(2) Regulation (EU) 2019/787, which replaces Regulation (EC) No 110/2008, entered into force on 25 May 2019. Under Article 49(1) of that Regulation, Chapter III of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 on geographical indications was repealed with effect from 8 June 2019.

(3) After concluding that the application complied with Regulation (EC) No 110/2008, the Commission published the main specifications of the technical file in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ([3]) as required by Article 17(6) of that Regulation, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) 2019/787.

(4) No notice of opposition has been received by the Commission under Article 27(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/787.

(5) The indication 'Norsk Vodka'/'Norwegian Vodka' should therefore be registered as a geographical indication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The geographical indication 'Norsk Vodka'/'Norwegian Vodka' is hereby registered. This Regulation grants the name 'Norsk Vodka'/'Norwegian Vodka' the protection referred to in Article 21 of Regulation (EU) 2019/787 in accordance with Article 30(4) of that Regulation.

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

([2]) Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 (OJ L 39, 13.2.2008, p. 16).

([3]) OJ C 241, 17.7.2019, p. 11.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 23 January 2020.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI
Member of the Commission