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Further to the meeting of the Working Party on Agricultural Products on 25 October 2019, delegations will find attached the comments from the Danish delegation.



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Comments from Denmark regarding the revision of Article 90a and 119 in Regulation (EU) 1303/2013

At the meeting of the Council Working Party on Agricultural Products on 25th October 2019, delegations were encouraged to submit remarks with regard to the suggestion of the Presidency regarding the revision of Article 90a and 119 in Regulation (EU) 1303/2013 as stated in the annotated agenda for the meeting (doc. WK 11450/2019 INIT of 18th October 2019).

Denmark has no comments with regard to Article 90a.

With regard to Article 119, 1), (h) and (i), Denmark supports compulsory information on ingredients and nutrition information on alcoholic beverages with an alcohol content on 1,2 % vol. and above.

Such rules should be established in the horizontal framework of Regulation (EU) 1169/2011 on food information and should cover all alcoholic beverages – not just wine.

Should there however be a majority for the current proposal Denmark has the following remarks:

With regard to Article 119, 1), h) and Article 122, 1), b), vi), we find that the nutrition declaration, including energy value should be expressed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 1169/2011. According to Regulation (EU) 1169/2011 it is already a possibility that the nutrition declaration for alcoholic beverages can be limited to energy only.

Conditions for presentation and use of the nutrition declaration, including for example a provision permitting the energy value to be expressed per portion only, or expressing “energy” in another way are not to be adopted in a delegated act. Therefore, we cannot support the reference to nutrition declaration in Article 122, 1), b), vi).

We suggest that Article 122, 1), b), vi), is to be drafted “(vi) conditions concerning the presentation and use of the nutrition declaration and of the list of ingredients”.

With regard to Article 119, 1), i)

Denmark finds it essential that the indication of substances causing allergies or intolerances continues to be labelled on the product. We suggest that Article 119, 1), (i) is slightly changed to: “(i) the list of ingredients pursuant to Article 9, 1), b), of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011, which may be provided in electronic form identified on the label or packaging”.