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« VITIVINICULTURAL SPIRITUOUS BEVERAGES »

Proceedings report for the 17th meeting

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SUMMARY SHEET OF THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSIONS AND EXPERT GROUPS

Expert group: "VITIVINICULTURAL SPIRITUOUS BEVERAGES"

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- ✓ Number of experts present at Dijon: 15
- ✓ Number of participating countries and observers in the room: 8 countries, 2 observers
- ✓ Number of experts present via KUDO: 24
- ✓ Number of countries and observers participating via KUDO: 17 countries, 1 observer

I/ Resolutions

Document	Step	Subject	Follow-up (procedure step)
ECO-BOISPI 23-732	3	Update of the OIV International Standard for the Labelling of Spirituous Beverages of vitivinicultural origin ✓ Labelling of nutritional characteristics	Taking into consideration the main requests, the project of resolution moves forward in step 5 and an eWG is created to make corrections to the draft resolution (redactional changes, harmonization of some sentences with ECO-DROCON 20-676 resolution, etc.)
ECO-BOISPI 23-733	3	Update of the OIV International Standard for the Labelling of Spirituous Beverages of vitivinicultural origin ✓ Labelling of ingredients	Taking into consideration the main requests, the project of resolution moves forward in step 5 and an eWG is created to make corrections to the draft resolution (redactional changes, harmonization of some sentences with ECO-DROCON 20-676 resolution, etc.)

II/ Questions arising from the Strategic Plan

Ref. SP	Document	Subject	Follow-up
99		Vitivinicultural spirits sector – Qualitative analysis: Products on the market; production practices; labelling; GI and instruments of protection; ageing)	The OIV Secretariat presents the updated data collective expertise document focusing on the ageing of spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin, with an overall focus on the current state of regulations and a focus on markets and trends. Simona Antonella Lamorte (President of the

	OIV expertise collective document on ageing (follow-up and next steps)	BOISPI expert group, Italy) decides to begin drafting the collective expertise document and to follow the corresponding procedure.
263	Current and future market for low-alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages	Italy gives a presentation on "non-alcoholic spirits", showing consumption of these products between 2012 and 2022, the segmentation of brands distributing these products. Simona Antonella Lamorte (President of the BOISPI expert group, Italy) proposes that this item maintained in the next agenda in order to address the subject.
98	Recent developments of the market situation, regulatory framework and the process Special attention on the products of dealcoholisation ("distilla" and "permeat" according to the process and To verification of the OIV definition of distillate of vitiviniculture origin (OENO 1/2005) and distillate of wine (OENO 2/2005)	Simona Antonella Lamorte (President of the BOISPI expert group, Italy) presents the current OIV definition of distillate of vitivinicultural origin (OENO 1/2005) and distillate of wine (OENO 2/2005) and the file of oenological practices for dehalcoholisation of wine. The aim is to consider if the alcohol fraction produced by the dealcoholisation of wine ("distillate" and "permeat" according to the process) requires a definition. An eWG is created to consider drafting the definition of these products ("permeat" in particular).
100	Vitivinicultural spirits sector – Analysis of trade aspects (International trade, Production, Consumption, production costs and sales prices) a) Spirits obtained by distilling rape marc: consumption, markets and trades (Presentation by Italy) b) Anti-dumping actions by China (Presentation by France)	a) Lara Agnoli (Italy) presents consumption, markets and trades for spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc. b) Nans Brochart (France) presents the risks associated with tariff measures, with focusing on European spirits beverages of vitivinicultural origin.
198	New regulatory issues, recent changes in regulation in the spirits	a) Werner Albrecht (Germany) gives a presentation on European Union reform on Geographical Indication and a presentation



sector in OIV and non-OIV countries	on Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation PPWR focusing on the impact on spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin.
a) Recent changes for spirit drinks in AGRI-FOOD-GI regulation and Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation PPWR	b) Chiara Imperio (<i>European Commission</i>) gives an update on state of play of the ingredients and nutrition labelling of alcoholic beverages at European Union level.
b) An update on state of play of the ingredients and nutrition labelling of alcoholic beverages at EU level	The EU sector has complied with its voluntary commitments (MoU) to indicate the ingredients and nutrition labelling of alcoholic beverages. A regulation initiative would follow by Commission services of DG SANTE.

III/ Request for additional information or opinion (statistics, economy, legal, technical, health)

Information	Source
Request	Recipient

IV/ Presentations other than in point II

Author	Country	Topic	Follow-up
OIV		Proposal for future works a) Evaluation of interest of adding a new category for the spirit drinks of vitivinicultural origin “obtained by the maceration or similar processing of plant materials in ethyl alcohol of vitivinicultural origin, distillates of vitivinicultural origin or spirit drinks or a combination thereof” or “obtained by the addition, individually or in combination, to ethyl alcohol of vitivinicultural origin, distillates of vitivinicultural origin or spirit drinks of any of the following : flavourings,	a) Simona Antonella Lamorte (President of the BOISPI expert group, <i>Italy</i>) proposes the integration of new categories of spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin, to include the definition of liqueurs of vitivinicultural origin. Considering the interest from the experts and in order to improve the draft document, it was decided to create an eWG. The project of resolution moves forward in step 3 . b) Concerning the possible definition of no-low alcohol spirit drink of vitivinicultural origin, it is decided to add to the agenda for the next meeting new information and presentations about production practices and economic data.



colours, sweetenings,..."

b) Evaluation of interest in working on a definition of no-low alcohol spirit drink of vitivinicultural origin

V/ Items on the agenda for the next session (without prejudice to subjects which may be added later)

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VI/ Other items

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OIV		Information about project of resolution coming from other Expert Groups and Commissions which may be of interest of BOISPI Health warning label for alcoholic beverages from grapes and wine products (SECSAN-CONUSA 23-743)	The OIV Scientific Director presents the discussions that followed the CONUSA expert group meeting. The resolution is supposed to stay at step 3 (debate continued during the afternoon) only on Information aspects, and an eWG has been set up, in cooperation with experts from the BOISPI and DROCON expert groups, to define how information are to be eventually transposed in the label of alcoholic beverages from grapes and wine products.
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OIV		Information on progress of the work on OIV International Standard on Competition	The OIV Secretariat reports on the current state of work on OIV International Standard on Competition by the TECHNO expert group. The resolution OIV-OENO 671B-2023 was adopted at the 21st OIV General Assembly. The draft resolution OENO-TEHCNO 671A-2023 is in step 5 and DROCON Group is asked for reviewing this draft resolution, in particular the article 14 on the attribution of medals.
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OIV		Point information Transversal actions between other Commission and expert groups and particularly with the SUSTAIN group	/
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VII/ Active working groups within the Expert Group

eWG1: Nutritional indications and labelling of ingredients for spirits of vitivinicultural origin sector

- ✓ Objective: To finalise the draft resolution and make the corrections indicated during the BOISPI expert group meeting (harmonise some sentences with the DROCON 676 resolution, add conversion table...)
- ✓ Coordinator: OIV Secretariat with BOISPI President (Simona Antonella Lamore, Italy)

eWG 2: Collective expertise document on ageing (markets, trends, and regulations)

- ✓ **Objective:** To draft the collective expertise document and consolidate data on markets and trends and regulatory aspects.
- ✓ **Coordinator:** OIV Secretariat with BOISPI President (Simona Antonella Lamorte, Italy)

eWG 3: Definition of the alcohol fraction produced by the dealcoholisation of wine (permeat and distillat)

- ✓ **Objective:** To elaborate possible drafting the definition of these products.
- ✓ **Coordinator:** OIV Secretariat with BOISPI President (Simona Antonella Lamorte, Italy)

eWG4 Definition of liqueurs of spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin

- ✓ **Objective:** To draft resolution for step 3 for a definition of liqueurs of spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin, with comments from the Member States
- ✓ **Coordinator:** OIV Secretariat with BOISPI President (Simona Antonella Lamorte, Italy)

Date: 04/04/2024

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AGENDA

Thursday 4 April 2024 – 9.00am- 13.00pm and 14.30 pm- 17.00 pm(UTC+2) (Dijon time)

Salle de Metropole, 40 Avenue du Drapeau, 21000 Dijon

Kudo videoconference

Thursday 4 April 2024				
No.	Topic	Reference Document	Reference OIV Working Plan	Time available (minutes)
1.	Adoption of the agenda	CIII-BOISPI 2024-04 OJ		5 minutes
2.	Approval of the summary of conclusions for the previous session of the Expert Group	CIII-BOISPI 2023-03 CR		5 minutes
3.	Information about project of resolution coming from other Expert Groups and Commissions which may be of interest of BOISPI Health warning label for alcoholic beverages from grapes and wine products	SECSAN-CONUSA 23-743 Et3		30 minutes
4.	Information on progress of the work on OIV International Standard on Competition			20 minutes
5.	Review of draft resolutions			
5.1.	Update of the OIV International Standard for the Labelling of Spirituous Beverages of vitivinicultural origin Labelling of Nutritional Characteristics	ECO-BOISPI 23-732	137	50 minutes
5.2.	Update of the OIV International Standard for the Labelling of Spirituous Beverages of vitivinicultural origin Labelling of ingredients	ECO-BOISPI 23-733	137	50 minutes
Coffee Break				30 minutes



6.	Ongoing actions			
6.1.	Vitivinicultural spirits sector – Qualitative analysis : Products on the market; production practices; labelling; GI and instruments of protection; ageing) OIV expertise collective document on ageing (follow-up and next steps)		99	30 minutes
6.2.	Current and future market from low-alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages		263	10 minutes
Lunch				90 minutes
6.3.	Recent developments of the market situation, regulatory framework and the process. Special attention on the products of dealcoholisation (“distillat” and “permeat” according to the process) and To verification of the OIV definition of distillate of vitivinicultural origin (OENO 1/2005) and distillate of wine (OENO 2/2005)		98	20 minutes
6.4.	Vitivinicultural spirits sector – Analysis of trade aspects (International trade, Production, Consumption, production costs and sales price) a) Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc: consumption, markets and trades b) Risks linked to tariff measures	Presentation by Italy Presentation by France	100	30 minutes
6.5.	New regulatory issues, recent changes in regulations in the spirits sector in OIV and non-OIV countries a) Recent changes for spirit drinks in AGRI-FOOD-GI regulation and Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation PPWR b) an update on state of play of the ingredients and nutrition labelling of	Presentation by Germany Presentation by European Commission representation	198	60 minutes



	alcoholic beverages at EU level			
7.	Point information Transversal actions between other commissions and experts groups and particularly with the SUSTAIN group			15 minutes
8.	Information on the progress of current projects on the 2024 work programe and projects to include on the 2024 work programme for the BOISPI Expert Group			15 minutes
9.	Proposal for future works a) Evaluation of interest of adding a new category for the spirit drinks of vitivinicultural origin “obtained by the maceration or similar processing of plant materials in ethyl alcohol of vitivinicultural origin, distillates of vitivinicultural origin or spirit drinks or a combination thereof” or “obtained by the addition, individually or in combination, to ethyl alcohol of vitivinicultural origin distillates of vitivinicultural origin of any of the following: flavourings, colours, sweetenings,...” b) evaluation of interest in working on a definition of no-low alcohol spirit drink of vitivinicultural origin			
10.	Any other business/ Conclusion			



INTRODUCTION

The BOISPI Expert Group held its 17th meeting on 4th April 2024. The meeting was attended by 37 delegates and official experts representing (19 countries) Member States and 3 Observers. The session was opened by Dr Simona Antonella Lamorte (Italy) the President of the Group.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda of the meeting was adopted postponing point 3 in the late morning as soon as the result of debate in the group CONUSA would be available.

2. Approval of the summary of conclusions for the previous session of the Expert Group

The proceedings report for the 16th session was approved without modifications.

3. Information about project of resolution coming from other Expert Groups and Commissions which may be of interest of BOISPI

3.1. Health warning label for alcoholic beverages from grapes and wine products

3.1.1. In the late morning, the Group was informed that CONUSA (*Consumption, Nutrition, Health*) Expert group is currently working on a draft resolution on health information for wine and alcoholic beverages of vitivinicultural origin, currently in step 3.

3.1.2. The aim of this resolution is to integrate health recommendations to reduce the harmful use of alcohol into the OIV International Standard for Labelling of wines and spirituous beverages of vitivinicultural origin.

3.1.3. The OIV Scientific Director – Jean Claude Ruf presented the discussions held in the morning by the group of experts at their meeting on 4th April 2024. It was reported that the resolution would have remained in step 3 and an eWG will be established, but given the transversal aspect of the subject, the eWG will be composed of experts from the BOISPI (*Vitivinicultural Spirituous Beverages*) and DROCON (*Law and Consumer Information*) Expert groups, to define how the information can be transposed to the labels of alcoholic beverages from grapes and wine products, and adopted in the OIV International Standard.

3.1.4. Considering these information, BOISPI group agreed to the need of BOISPI experts to be included in the debate.

4. Information on progress of the work on OIV International Standard on Competitions

4.1. The Project Manager- Commission III Economy and Law – Alexis Feuilloley, together with the Head of Unit presented the current status of the draft resolution OENO-TECHNO 20-671A and the last decisions taken in 2022 and 2023.

4.2. It was recalled that the revision of the OIV wine and spirits competition standard had three objectives. The first one aims to review the evaluation sheet for spirit drinks of vitivinicultural origin in order to make it simpler and more intuitive for the taster. The second one consists of reviewing the procedure for awarding medals, and the third objective aims to implement and adapt digital tools for these first two objectives.

4.3. It was also recalled that the resolution OIV-OENO 671B-2023- Revision of the guidelines for granting OIV patronage of international wine and spirituous beverages of vitivinicultural origin competitions was adopted during the 21st General Assembly of the OIV in Jerez Spain, the 9th June 2023. Its

objective was to reinforce the value of the medal awarded in national and international competitions.

- 4.4. BOISPI group was informed that the draft resolution OENO-TECHNO 20-671A – *Revision of OIV Standard for International Wine and Spirituous Beverages of Vitivinicultural origin competitions* remained at step 5 (decision taken during the meeting of April 2 and 3). This revision removed the granting of the bronze medal in article 14 of the guidelines, redefined the definition of each descriptor listed in the score sheets and proposed new score sheets that follow the main objectives.
- 4.5. In the TECHNO (*Technology*) Expert group, the French delegation proposed to request DROCON Group, in particular regarding the article 14 of the draft resolution which address the distribution/awarding of medals and the methodology for calculating the results that allow the awarding of medals.. Following the discussions and decisions of DROCON Group on April 5 and 6, this point will be included on next year's DROCON agenda.
- 4.6. This information point will also incorporate on the next year's BOISPI agenda.

5. Review of draft resolutions

5.1. Update of the OIV International Standard for the Labelling of Spirituous Beverages of vitivinicultural origin- Labelling of Nutritional Characteristics - ECO-BOISPI 23-732 Et3

- 5.1.1. The President of the BOISPI Expert group opened the discussion by recalling the mandate of the eWG during the 16th session of BOISPI Group (March 2023). The resolution, currently in step 3, aims to address and incorporate nutritional characteristics for the labelling of spirituous beverages of vitivinicultural origin.
- 5.1.2. The Head of Unit Economy and Law recalled that the OIV Executive Committee (COMEX) had mandated the DROCON and BOISPI expert groups to address the updating of the International Standard for labelling of wines and spirit drinks of vitivinicultural origin in order to incorporate these questions.
- 5.1.3. The President of the group and the Head of Unit presented the compilation of comments received from the OIV Member States.
- 5.1.4. During the discussion of comments, the opposition of the French delegation was first addressed. Indeed, delegation of France specified that its opposition refers that at national level for the moment there is no position and/or decision on the dematerialization of nutritional information of spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin. It was pointed out that the opposition does not seek to stop the progress of the resolution.
- 5.1.5. During the discussion, the Member States also pointed out that this draft resolution has to be consistent with the work carried out by DROCON Expert group on the International Standard for the Labelling of wines (*draft resolution ECO-DROCON 20-676 advanced to step 7 during DROCON meeting on April 5-6*). The BOISPI draft resolution, including the specifications for spirit drinks should be harmonised – where appropriate – with recommendations of the DROCON resolution..
- 5.1.6. The President of the BOISPI Expert group reminded the experts that a harmonisation approach with the ECO-DROCON 20-676 resolution was applied to this BOISPI resolution since the first drafting. After the end of discussion of both groups, the consistency between the texts will be assured.
- 5.1.7. The Head of Unit Economy and Law also shared that discussions were taking place at DROCON Expert group concerning the calculation and display of nutritional values. These lists could be useful for BOISPI Expert group, and the President of the BOISPI Expert group suggested that these discussions could continue within an eWG making a selection of what could be relevant and/or

peculiar for spirits.

- 5.1.8. During the discussion other content and editorial comments were addressed and included in the resolution.
- 5.1.9. Considering the consensus on all the points addressed, the President proposed advancing the resolution to step 5. The proposal was accepted by BOISPI group.
- 5.1.10. In order to facilitate the work of this resolution during 2024, the OIV secretariat have to finalise the draft resolution and updating the eWG with the new members.

5.2. Update of the OIV International Standard for the Labelling of Spirituous Beverages of vitivinicultural origin – Labelling of ingredients - ECO-BOISPI 23-733 Et3

- 5.2.1. The resolution, currently in step 3, aims to address and incorporate questions on list of ingredients on labelling of spirituous beverages of vitivinicultural origin. As per the resolution of the previous point, the President of the BOISPI Expert group recalled the mandate of the eWG during the 16th session of BOISPI Group (March 2023) and the Head of Unit Economy and Law recalled that the COMEX had mandated DROCON and BOISPI Expert group to study the update of the International Standard of Labelling of wine and spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin on these questions.
- 5.2.2. The President of the group and the Head of Unit, presented the compilation of comments received from the OIV Member States. General comments addressed for resolution on nutrition were also discussed and considered for this resolution:
 - ✓ The opposition from the French delegation
 - ✓ The consistency with the work carried out by DROCON Expert group on the International Standard for the Labelling of wines (*draft resolution ECO-DROCON 20-676 step 7*).
- 5.2.3. Delegation of France specified that its opposition refers that at national level for the moment there is no position and/ or decision on the dematerialization of labelling information of spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin. It was pointed out that the opposition does not seek to stop the progress of the resolution.
- 5.2.4. The President of the BOISPI Expert group reminded the experts that a harmonisation approach with the ECO-DROCON 20-676 resolution currently being worked on at DROCON Expert group was applied since the first draft resolution.
- 5.2.5. The Head of Unit Economy and Law indicated that the list of ingredients was coherent with that discussed in the draft resolution ECO-DROCON 20-676 discussed by the DROCON Expert group, and the definitions complied with the OIV Code of Oenological Practices.
- 5.2.6. During the discussion, some Member States made formal comments, in particular the definition of the ingredient “ethyl alcohol” and/or “ethyl alcohol of vitivinicultural origin. It was observed that at the moment spirit drinks described in the definition of Code are only distillates so they do not foresee ethyl alcohol as an ingredient. Nevertheless, experts concluded that is useful to keep the ethyl alcohol in the text for possible future definition/products (e.g. vitivinicultural liqueurs) Some comments regarding editorial/wording comments were requested by the group in order to make certain parts of the text clearer and more structured.

- 5.2.7. Considering the consensus on all the points addressed, the President proposed advancing the resolution to step 5. The proposal was accepted by BOISPI group.
- 5.2.8. In order to facilitate the work of this resolution during 2024, the OIV secretariat have to finalise the draft resolution and updating the eWG with the new members.

6. Ongoing actions

6.1. Vitivinicultural spirits sector – Qualitative analysis : Products on the market; production practices; labelling; GI and instruments of protection; ageing)

- 6.1.1. The President of the group opened this point recalling that during the 16th BOISPI session (March 2023), the Expert group pointed out the need of further statistic on aspects on consumption of spirits of vitivinicultural origin. It was decided to update the working group and establish a work plan in order to obtain additional information for the collective document.
- 6.1.2. In order to respond to this request, the OIV Secretariat presented a draft of the collective expertise document with a focus on trade and market of the spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin. The proposal of the collective expertise document is organised as follows:
- ✓ Presentation of the data presented the previous year on the regulatory aspects of ageing mentions with the regulations in force by geographical region and by geographical indication. This data and information is the result of a survey sent to the Member States in 2022.
 - ✓ Presentation of the definitions of 6 spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin defined by the OIV Code of oenological practices.
 - ✓ Presentation of the current state of the global market for spirit beverages was presented, with a focus in export and consumption data obtained from International Trade Centre (ITC) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
 - ✓ Presentation of the global market for spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin, with a focus on export data available of the OIV Member States. On this point, to deepen the analysis and give a more consolidated vision of the market, an analysis by country, based on available data, was presented to the experts. These data correspond to information available from France, Moldova, South Africa and Spain.
- 6.1.3. The President of the BOISPI Expert group informed the experts that data on exports and consumption of spirit beverages of vitiviculture origin in Italy would be available between May and June.
- 6.1.4. Furthermore, the President of the BOISPI Expert group expressed concern regarding the lack of statistics regarding spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin at the OIV and the opportunity of asking for more attention to data of this sector.
- 6.1.5. The objective and subsequent step involved collecting further market data to finalise the collective expertise document. Following this, it is decided to prepare the expertise document before next meeting. During the drafting, it will be evaluated if one global document or two different documents will be prepared (one including the data collected last year regarding the regulatory aspect of ageing mentions, and one on the market aspects).

6.2. Current and future market for low-alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages

- 6.2.1. Lara Agnoli (Italy) provided a presentation on “non-alcoholic spirits”, showing consumption of these product between 2012 and 2022, the segments of brands distributing these products.
- 6.2.2. The European Commission (Chiara Imperio) informed the Expert group that discussions continued

to be held on these products at European level, including work on guidelines for harmonising consumer expectations. The President of Commission III – Yvette Van der Merwe, underlined that the products concerned will need to be defined sooner or later.

6.2.3. The Head of Unit Economy and Law also indicated that discussions on dealcoholised and partially dealcoholised wines were being conducted at DROCON Expert group. These discussions may have an impact on other definitions, which will have to adapt to the emergence of these products.

6.2.4. The President of the BOISPI Expert group proposed to maintain this item in the next agenda in order to address the subject.

6.3. Recent developments of the market situation, regulatory framework and the process - Special attention on the products of dealcoholisation (“distillate” and “permeat” according to the process) and to verification of the OIV definition of distillate of vitivinicultural origin (OENO 1/2005) and distillate of wine (OENO 2/2005)

6.3.1. The President of BOISPI Expert group presented recent developments of the market situation, the regulatory framework and the process for partial or total dealcoholised wine, in particular the interest for a definition of the alcoholic fraction that is separated from the wine.

6.3.2. In 2005, the OIV defined the distillate of vitivinicultural origin (OENO 1/2005) and wine distillate (OENO 2/2005). Depending on oenological practices related to wine dealcoholisation, three separation techniques are authorised at the OIV:

- ✓ Partial *vacuum* evaporation;
- ✓ Membrane techniques (nanofiltration, reverse osmosis, and membranes contractor);
- ✓ Distillation.

6.3.3. By the definition, adopted in 2005, distillate of vitivinicultural origin and wine distillate represented are alcoholic liquid produced by distillation. The proposal was to incorporate a definition of distillation, as well as a definition of the alcoholic fraction produced by the dealcoholisation of wines (especially distillate, permeat according to the process used).

6.3.4. The Italian delegation and the European Commission underlined that important production issues arise with the rules that apply to these products. A definition presents a real interest.

6.3.5. An eWG was created to consider drafting the definition of these products (“permeat” in particular).

6.4. Vitivinicultural spirits sector – Analysis of trade aspects (International trade, Production, Consumption, production costs and sales price).

a) Spirits obtained by distilling wine or grape marc: consumption, markets and trades

6.4.1. Lara Agnoli (Italy) presented consumption, market and trade data for spirits obtained by distilling wine or grape marc. The presentation was divided into 2 parts:

- ✓ The consumption aspect examined data for spirits in general, and Brandy, Cognac, Pisco and Grappa in particular.
- ✓ The trade aspect studied top exporters and importers, and focused on exports of Armagnac, Cognac and Grappa.

6.4.2. In conclusion, each product offered its own dynamic, but there were some common points. Volumes declined, due to post COVID trends with health, moderation and ethics. However, values continued to rise in line with premiumisation, despite inflation.

b) Risks linked to tariff measures

6.4.3. Nans Brochard (France) presented the risks associated with tariff measures following China's investigation into European spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin.

6.4.4. The presentation started with a current state of definitions on tariff and non-tariff measures, countervailing and dumping or antidumping.

6.4.5. Then the presentation gave an overview of the possible consequences as result of China's measures regarding the spirits markets. This overview was given based on the exported volumes, their value and for each product category, with a focus on possible impacts regarding the increasing of customs duties for these products.

6.4.6. China was the world's 2nd largest importer of spirits beverages by value in 2023 and its imports have continued to multiply over the years. For example, 32% of spirits imported by China in 2023 were wine spirits, followed by whiskies with 25%.

6.5. New regulatory issues, recent changes in regulations in the spirits sector in OIV and non-OIV countries

a) Recent changes for spirit drinks in AGRI-FOOD-GI regulation and Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation PPWR

6.5.1. Werner Albrecht (Germany) presented the new European Union regulation for Geographical Indication (GI). The European Parliament approved the text, which will be published before the end of April. The general provisions of the new regulation was:

- ✓ To strengthen GI (better protection)
- ✓ A simplified and more efficient registration procedure
- ✓ Greater protection of geographical indications, including online, in domain names that contain geographical indications.
- ✓ A reinforced role for producer groups
- ✓ A greater emphasis on sustainability
- ✓ Some particularities and exceptions for spirit drinks will be maintained

6.5.2. Werner Albrecht (Germany) presented also the new European Union rules on packaging and packaging waste (PPWR). By the end of April, the European Parliament will probably approve the text, which will be published at the end of 2024/ beginning of 2025.

6.5.3. The regulation will then be implemented 18 months after publication. Spirits beverages will be concerned to some extent, notably by possible obligation to use recycled bottles, to indicate materials based on European regulations, to pay consignments, and to reduce the amount of packaging and materials used.

b) An update on state of play of the ingredients and nutrition labelling of alcoholic beverages at EU level

6.5.4. Before 2018, spirit drinks benefited from an exemption from mandatory labelling of ingredients and nutritional information. In 2018, a Memorandum of Understanding was reached for the sector, with a voluntary commitment by actors from 2020 to 2022.

6.5.5. Despite commitments being met, in 2023, there was no regulatory proposal on this issue, nor did the commitment enter into force. The spirit drinks sector then expanded this voluntary commitment to attract other producers.



7. Point information – Transversal actions between other Commissions and expert groups, and particularly with the SUSTAIN Group

- 7.1. The OIV Secretariat informed the meeting that at future sessions the SUSTAIN Expert group meeting will not be held at the same time as the other meetings, and that this year was an exception. In view of its transversal scope, delegations were encouraged to take part in SUSTAIN activities.

8. Information on the progress of current projects on the 2024 work programme and projects to include on the 2024 work programme for the BOISPI Expert Group

- 8.1. The OIV Secretariat notified that the next BOISPI meeting was planned for early 2025 (around March 2025) outside the Easter period.

9. Proposal for future works

9.1. Evaluation of interest of adding a new category for the spirit drinks of vitivinicultural origin

- 9.1.1. The President of the BOISPI Expert group proposed integrating a new category of spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin: definition for vitivinicultural liqueurs. The suggested definition follows:

- ✓ Spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin obtained by the maceration or similar processing of plant materials in ethyl alcohol of vitivinicultural origin, distillates of vitivinicultural origin or a combination thereof.
- ✓ Spirit beverages of vitivinicultural origin obtained by the addition individually or in combination, to ethyl alcohol of vitivinicultural origin of any of the following: flavourings, colours, sweetening's.

- 9.1.2. Concerning the addition of liqueurs definition, the German delegation underlined the need to specify the scope of the term “liqueur”, particularly if the definition is limited to liqueurs with the presence of alcohol of vitivinicultural origin only.

- 9.1.3. Considering the interest from the experts and in order to improve the draft document, it was decided to create an eWG.

- 9.1.4. Taking into account the discussion, the President of the BOISPI Expert group proposed its advanced to step 3. An eWG have to be created in order to address this new action.

10. Any other business/ Conclusion

N/A