



# LUCIEN ≡ BERNARD

## E U R O P E A N R E G U L A T I O N

**BRANDY** is a spirit drink produced 100% from pure grape and wine, excluding sub-products of vinification, excluding any other spirit drink of agricultural origin other than pure grape wine. Brandy must be matured in OAK CASKS solely.

The minimum requirement for maturation of brandy is 6 months in oak casks with a capacity of less than 1 000 litres or 1 year in larger casks. In France ageing and maturation are fully regulated and controlled by the administration of Customs.

# Legislation L 327

Harmonized commodity description and coding system (hs) common customs tariff combined nomenclature.

## NC8 : 2208 20 89

Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc, in containers holding more than 2 litres (excepted Raw distillate, Cognac, Armagnac, Grappa and Brandy de Jerez).

## NC8 : 2208 20 29

Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc, in containers holding 2 litres or less (excepted Cognac, Armagnac, Grappa and Brandy de Jerez).

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EXTRACTS

### REGULATION (CE) N°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

### ANNEX II: SPIRIT DRINKS (...)

#### 4. WINESPIRIT

a) Wine spirit is a spirit drink:

(1) produced exclusively by the distillation at less than 86% vol. of wine or wine fortified for distillation or by there distillation of a wine distillate at less than 86% vol.,

(2) containing a quantity of volatile substances equal to or exceeding 125 grams per hectolitre of 100%vol. alcohol,

(3) having a maximum methanol content of 200 grams per hectolitre of 100% vol. alcohol.

b) The minimum alcoholic strength by volume of wine spirit shall be 37,5%.

c) No addition of alcohol as defined in Annex I (5)\*, diluted or not, shall take place. (d) Wine spirit shall not be flavoured. This shall not exclude traditional production methods.

(e) Wine spirit may only contain added caramel as a means to adapt colour.

(f) Where wine spirit has been matured, it may continue to be placed on the market as 'wine spirit' provided it has been matured for as long as, or longer than, the period stipulated for the spirit drink defined undercategory 5.

#### 5. BRANDY OR WEINBRAND :

a) Brandy or Weinbrand is a spirit drink:

(1) produced from wine spirit, whether or not wine distillate has been added, distilled at less than 94,8% vol., provided that that distillate does not exceed a maximum of 50% of the alcoholic content of the finished product,

(2) matured for at least one year in oak receptacles or for at least six months in oak casks with a capacity of less than 1000 litres,

(3) containing a quantity of volatile substances equal to or exceeding 125 grams per hectolitre of 100% vol. alcohol, and derived exclusively from the distillation or redistillation of the raw materials used,

(4) having a maximum methanol content of 200 grams per hectolitre of 100% vol. alcohol.

b) The minimum alcoholic strength by volume of brandy or Weinbrand shall be 36%.

c) No addition of alcohol as defined in Annex I (5)\*, diluted or not, shall take place.

d) Brandy or Weinbrand shall not be flavoured. This shall not exclude traditional production methods.

e) Brandy or Weinbrand may only contain added caramel as a means to adapt colour.

\* Addition of alcohol means the addition of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin and/or distillates of agricultural origin to a spirit drink.

