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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>MALAYSIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Food Safety & Quality Division Ministry of Health Malaysia Level 4, Menara Prisma No.26, Jalan Persiaran Perdana, Presint 3 62675 F.T. Putrajaya, Malaysia Tel: +603-88850797 Fax: +603-88850790 E-mail: sps.fsqd@moh.gov.my Website: http://fsq.moh.gov.my/ Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): HS Code 2203: Beer made from malt HS Code 2204: Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading 20.09 HS Code 2205: Vermouth and other wine of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or aromatic substances HS Code 2206: Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, saké); mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included HS Code 2207: Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80 % vol. or higher; ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength HS Code 2208: Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80 % vol.; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Amendments to regulations 361 to 386A and 387 and insertion of a new regulation, i.e. regulation 384A to the Food Regulations 1985 [<i>P.U.(A) 437/1985</i>]; (10 page(s), in English)

6.	<p>Description of content: The proposed amendments to the Food Regulations 1985 [P.U.(A) 437/1985] involve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendments to regulation 361 on general standard for alcoholic beverage. 2. Amendments to regulations 362 to 386A and 387 on specific requirements of alcoholic beverages in relation to the alcohol content, the addition of other ingredients, the use of food additives and labelling requirements. The purpose of the amendments on all provisions of food additives for alcoholic beverages is to harmonise the food additive requirements with the Codex Alimentarius, i.e., Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA, Codex STAN 192-1995), in line with subregulation 19(2) of the Food Regulations 1985 [P.U.(A) 437/1985]. The conditions under which food additives may be used in alcoholic beverages can be directly referred to GSFA, Codex STAN 192-1995; and 3. Insertion of a new regulation, regulation 384A which prescribes the standard and labelling requirements for tequila and mezcal.
7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food Act 1983 [Act 281] 2. Food Regulations 1985 [P.U.(A) 437/1985]
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: Six months from date of publication</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>Food Safety & Quality Division Ministry of Health Malaysia Level 4, Menara Prisma No.26, Jalan Persiaran Perdana, Presint 3 62675 F.T. Putrajaya, Malaysia Tel: +603-88850797 Fax: +603-88850790 E-mail: sps.fsqd@moh.gov.my Website: http://fsq.moh.gov.my/</p>