

**Question for written answer E-002805/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Protecting Brandy de Jerez

On 11 October 2024, China increased tariffs on European brandy by 34 %, significantly affecting products such as Brandy de Jerez, produced using the traditional criaderas y soleras method, which is unique in the world. This method is key to safeguarding the quality and reputation of the product.

Regulation 787/2019 allows derogations to protect this type of unique production system, but the Commission has yet to adopt a delegated act allowing information on average ageing to be included in the labelling of Brandy de Jerez. Without this regulation, consumers cannot be properly informed about the product, leaving it less protected on the market and hampering its ability to compete in the face of adverse trade measures such as those imposed by China.

With the deadline for adopting delegated acts expiring in 2026, the Commission should adopt measures to increase the protection of Brandy de Jerez as a Protected Geographical Indication and to protect its traditional production method from any attempt at usurpation.

In light of the above:

1. Why has the Commission not adopted the delegated act necessary to ensure the protection of Brandy de Jerez?
2. If it does intend to do so, when might this be?

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