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Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China

Notification on Sampling and Product Classification in the Anti-Dumping Case of Brandy

Interested parties,

On 5 January 2024, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) issued Notice No. 1 of 2024, deciding to conduct an anti-dumping investigation into imports of spirits obtained by distilling grape wine in containers holding less than 200 liters (hereinafter refer to brandy) originating in the EU (hereinafter referred to as the product under investigation).

Due to the large number of companies registered to participate in the investigation, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China* and the *Interim Rules on Sampling in Antidumping Investigations*, the investigating authority decided to adopt a sampling methodology to conduct the anti-dumping investigation. The investigating authority issued a sampling questionnaire on 5 February 2024, and received replies of the sampling questionnaire from a number of EU producers within the prescribed period.

After reviewing the above replies, we hereby notify you of the preliminary sampling situation of the dumping investigation and the relevant information on the classification of products in this anti-dumping investigation as follows:

1. Sampling for the dumping investigation

(1) Sampling plan

1. Sampling is conducted based on the responses received by the investigation authority
2. EU producers submitted responses are ranked according to the size of their reported exports, and the top three exporting companies are selected as sampling companies

(2) Preliminary sampling results

The following companies are to be selected as sampling companies

1. MARTELL & CO
2. Société Jas Hennessy & Co
3. E. Rémy Martin & Co

2. Product classification

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After considering the various claims about product classification in the application and the sampling questionnaire responses, the investigating authority proposes to classify the investigated products and like products into the following five categories according to the minimum age of distilled wine used in the products: less than 3 years (<3 years), 3 years and above to 4 years (≥ 3 years, and <4 years), 4 years and above to 6 years (≥ 4 years, and <6 years), 6 years and above to 14 years (≥ 6 years, and <14 years), 14 years and above (≥ 14 years). All interested parties are required to submit data related to industrial injury investigation in the questionnaires in accordance with the above classification criteria. The classification criteria may also be used as one of the reference factors in dumping investigations.

Interested parties can submit their comments on the above sampling and product classification to the investigating authority within 7 days from the date of issue of this notice. Interested parties shall submit electronic version of the comments through the Trade Remedy and Investigation Information Platform (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>), and at the same time submit the written version. The electronic version and the written version shall keep consistent in terms of content and format. The investigation authority will review the comments, finalise the sampling results and product classification and issue the questionnaire.

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