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European Union – Spirits drinks

Guyana voiced concerns regarding a new regulation under which the European Union has introduced a revised spirits definition and is restricting the use of the term "agriculture" (in all languages) for spirits drinks. Guyana is concerned that this new regulation may constitute an unnecessary obstacle for the country's exports of rum to the EU market. It also invited the EU to consider a less restrictive measure that would allow it to achieve the objective of protecting the geographic indication of other exporters of spirits drinks.

The EU said that the reservation of the use of the term "agriculture" on rum has existed in the EU since 1989. The EU noted that it had not received any comments during the extended comment period provided on this proposed regulation.