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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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**EUROPEAN UNION – DRAFT IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS AMENDING REGULATION  
(EC) NO. 607/2009 LAYING DOWN DETAILED RULES FOR THE APPLICATION OF  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 479/2008 AS REGARDS PROTECTED  
DESIGNATIONS OF ORIGIN AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS,  
TRADITIONAL TERMS, LABELLING AND PRESENTATION  
OF CERTAIN WINE SECTOR PRODUCTS**

STATEMENT BY ARGENTINA TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE  
20 AND 21 JUNE 2018

The following communication, dated 6 July 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Argentina.

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1. Argentina wishes to reiterate its concern regarding the EU's unjustified delay in resolving this specific trade concern, which both Argentina and other Members have been raising for some ten years.
  2. In this context, we thank the EU for having notified the draft legal acts by which the provisions of Regulation 607/2009 will be repealed, following several years of internal review. Argentina will be submitting comments in that regard in due course. Taking into account this notification and the EU's intention to approve the drafts in August 2018, it is understood that formal approval of the traditional expressions "Reserva" and "Gran Reserva" should be happening in the near future.
  3. In the interests of clarifying this altogether uncertain situation, which dates back more than six years, and which has not progressed in the past three years, allegedly owing to the reform of the wine sector in the EU, we would be most grateful if the EU could indicate when Argentina's request for registration of the traditional terms "Reserva" and "Gran Reserva" will be formally approved.
  4. It is recalled in this regard that Argentina complied in good faith with all the requirements established by EU law, having in 2012 completed the substantive step for registration according to Regulations 607/2009 and 479/2008.
  5. In view of the foregoing, Argentina once again urges the EU to conclude, without further undue delay, the formal procedure for approving the registration of the traditional terms "Reserva" and "Gran Reserva". To this end, it requests the EU to include this matter as an item on the agenda of the next meeting of the College of Commissioners and to publish the relevant regulatory act in its Official Journal, so that Argentine wines may enter the European market without discriminatory and unjustified restrictions.
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