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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> VIET NAM <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Industry and Trade 54 Hai Ba Trung St., Hanoi, Viet Nam Tel.: (84-4) 22202222 Fax: (84-4) 22202525-38264696 Website: <a href="http://www.moit.gov.vn">http://www.moit.gov.vn</a>  <b>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:</b> Light Industry Department 54 Hai Ba Trung, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Viet Nam Tel.: (84-4) 22202559 Fax: (84-4) 22202525 Email: <a href="mailto:yucnn@moit.gov.vn">yucnn@moit.gov.vn</a> ; <a href="mailto:namvd@moit.gov.vn">namvd@moit.gov.vn</a> Website: <a href="http://www.moit.gov.vn">http://www.moit.gov.vn</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Alcohol
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Decree on Alcohol Trading (83 pages, in Vietnamese)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft Decree prescribes alcohol trading activities, including: production, import, distribution, wholesale and retail of alcohol; the sale of alcohol for on-site consumption.  This draft Decree does not apply to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Export, temporary import for re-export, temporary export for re-import, tranship, transit;</li><li>b) Alcohol import for sale at duty-free shops;</li><li>c) Alcohol imported into nontariff areas, alcohol trading among nontariff areas; alcohol trading activities in nontariff areas, including storing in bonded warehouse;</li><li>d) Imported alcohol in forms of luggage, gifts, samples within duty-free limit under regulation of Government and Prime Minister.</li></ul> This draft Decree, as soon as it enters into force, shall replace Decree No. 94/2012/ND-CP dated 12 November 2012 on alcohol production and trading, which was previously notified by G/TBT/N/VNM/19 of 1 August 2012 and G/TBT/N/VNM/19/Add.1 of 1 March 2013.  Licenses and certificates issued under Decree No. 94/2012/ND-CP, if still in their validity period, are not required to be renewed. Otherwise, renewal must be done under the new proposed Decree.

<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human health or safety
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law on Food Safety 2010;</li><li>• Commercial Law 2005</li></ul>
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> January 2017 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> March 2017
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  Light Industry Department 54 Hai Ba Trung, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Viet Nam Tel.: (84-4) 22202436 Fax: (84-4) 22202525 Email: <a href="mailto:yucnn@moit.gov.vn">yucnn@moit.gov.vn</a> Website: <a href="http://www.moit.gov.vn">http://www.moit.gov.vn</a>  <a href="http://legal.moit.gov.vn/default.aspx?page=document_bill&amp;do=detail&amp;doc_id=711&amp;rand=636071115609782224">http://legal.moit.gov.vn/default.aspx?page=document_bill&amp;do=detail&amp;doc_id=711&amp;rand=636071115609782224</a>