

ITALIAN SENATE

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EUROPEAN UNION POLICIES**

of 7 July 2010

on

Proposal for a regulation (EU) No xxxx/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (Single CMO Regulation) as regards the aid granted in the framework of the German Alcohol Monopoly (COM (2010) 336 final)

Rapporteur: ADERENTI

The Committee, following consideration of document COM (2010) 336 final,

expresses a favourable opinion, in so far as its remit is concerned, with the following qualifications:

the legal basis of the proposal for regulation is correctly identified in Articles 42 and 43 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, whereby rules on competition apply to the production of and trade in agricultural products only to the extent determined by the European Parliament and the Council for the pursuit of the objectives of the common agricultural policy and the common fisheries policy;

the proposal seems to comply with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, in that its subject matter falls within the competence of the European legislator and the objectives of the common agricultural policy, most notably a balanced and progressive opening of agricultural markets to competition rules. The proposal also fits within the framework of the specific national provisions pursuant to Article 182 of the Single CMO Regulation;

on the substance of the document, since the proposal envisages an extension of seven years for the phasing-out of German aid, it would be appropriate to include elements to assess the impact of German aid to distilleries on the competition and on related industries in other Member States.

Al Presidente
della 10^a Commissione permanente
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