

SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS (Retirado do documento G/TBT/M/33)

Concerns Previously Raised

Barbados (EUA, UE, Japão, Jamaica e República Dominicana) x Brasil - Decree on Beverages and Spirits

Brazil: Decree on Beverages and Spirits (G/TBT/N/BRA/135)

The representative of Barbados reiterated his concerns regarding Brazil's Decree. Of particular concern were: the definition of rum and similar spirits; the need for any such definition to explicitly recognize that rum and similar spirits could be produced exclusively from sugar cane; and the reference concerning the production of different alcoholic spirits by a single alcoholic distillation or by the distillation of fermented mash. Barbados was still awaiting a response from Brazil.

The representative of the United States supported the comments of Barbados and recalled that her country's concerns had been expressed at the last meeting. Brazil had yet to notify the measure and to provide a substantive response to the concerns raised.

The representative of the European Communities recalled that her delegation had submitted comments on 18 January 2004 concerning the definition of rum and *cachaza* and the minimum alcohol content for rum, which could create problems of classification when imported into the European Communities. She requested Brazil to provide answers to the comments sent.

The representative of Jamaica reiterated her concerns as raised in previous meetings and in writing. Jamaica was still awaiting replies, while remaining open to informal discussions.

The representative of the Dominican Republic requested Brazil to respond to the concerns expressed in a communication sent in February 2004 to the national enquiry point and to the Permanent Mission of Brazil.

The representative of Brazil thanked the delegations of Barbados, the United States, the European Communities, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic for their comments, which would be conveyed to capital. Brazil was considering the possibility of amending Decree No. 4851, whose objective was to establish rules for *cachaza* and not to distort trade from the Caribbean to other markets. As work was still in progress, Brazil was not in a position to provide further details, but remained open to holding technical consultations with interested countries.

Brasil x UE - Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals – "REACH"

European Communities: Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals – "REACH" (G/TBT/W/208 and G/TBT/N/EEC/52 and Add.1.)

The representative of Brazil indicated that comments on the REACH regulation had been sent on 21 June 2004 to the European Communities' enquiry point and requested a response.