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**Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China**

TRB Policy & Regulation Note No.63 [2024]

**Notification on Sampling of the Anti-Subsidy Case of Brandy**

Interested parties,

On 21 August 2024, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) issued Notice No. 34 of 2024, deciding to conduct an anti-subsidy investigation into imports of dairy products originating in the EU.

Due to the large number of companies participating in the investigation, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Anti-Subsidy Regulation of the People's Republic of China* and based on the actual situation of the case, the investigating authority decided to adopt a sampling methodology to conduct the anti-subsidy investigation. The investigating authority issued a sampling questionnaire on 20 September 2024, and received replies of the questionnaires from the EU Delegation to China and a number of EU producers (exporters) within the prescribed period.

After reviewing the above replies, we hereby notify you of the preliminary sampling results and the relevant information as follows:

1. Sampling plan

- 1) Sampling is conducted based on the responses of the sampling questionnaires received by the investigation authority
- 2) Considering the need for anti-subsidy investigation and the actual situation of this case, and taking into account multiple factors such as export quantity, product structure, and regional distribution, three companies are selected as the sampled companies.

2. Preliminary sampling results

The following companies are to be selected as sampled companies

- 1) ELVIR (France), and its affiliated companies
- 2) FrieslandCampina Nederland B.V., FrieslandCampina Belgium N.V., and the affiliated companies
- 3) Sterilgarda Alimenti SPA, and its affiliated companies

Interested parties can submit their comments on the above sampling results to the investigating authority within 7 days from the date of issue of this notice. Interested parties

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shall submit electronic version of the comments through the Trade Remedy and Investigation Information Platform (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>), and at the same time submit the written version. The electronic version and the written version shall keep consistent in terms of content and format. The investigation authority will review the comments, finalise the sampling results and issue the questionnaires of the anti-subsidy investigation.

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