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**Question for written answer E-003010/25
to the Commission
Carmen Crespo Díaz (PPE)
(18 July 2025)**

Subject: Delegated act pending under Regulation (EU) 2019/787

Given that the Commission has already adopted a report in favour of extending the delegation of power and given that the period of seven years from the entry into force of Regulation (EU) 2019/787 is about to expire, it is essential that swift action is taken in order not to miss the opportunity to adopt the corresponding delegated act.

The sector has raised concerns about the lack of concrete progress and the matter has not yet been referred by the Commission to Parliament, nor has it been considered by the coordinators in the Committee on Agriculture.

In light of the above,

When does the Commission intend to refer this matter to Parliament so that the dossier can move forward before the expiry of the deadline provided for in Article 51 of Regulation (EU) 2019/787?

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**Answer given by Mr Hansen on behalf of the European Commission
(11 September 2025)**

Regulation (EU) 2019/787 ⁽¹⁾ confers delegated powers to the Commission for several provisions.

If the Honourable Member refers to the empowerment provided for in Article 19(1) enabling the Commission to derogate from the youngest component rule and to establish appropriate control mechanisms for brandies produced using the traditional dynamic ageing system known as the ‘criaderas y solera’ or ‘solera e criaderas’ system, it should be noted that, as already explained in the replies to questions E-002565/2024 and E-002805/2024, the Commission indeed considered the preparation of such delegated act already in 2022.

However, certain Member States were against such proposal, considering that making an exception for one single product would weaken the very authority of the general age labelling

rule, applied worldwide for many years.

In view of such disagreement, the Commission has not presented a draft for discussion to the expert group for spirit drinks and will not be in a position to do so until there is a sufficient consensus to adopt such a delegated act.

As for the deadline for adopting delegated acts expiring in May 2026, the Honourable Member is reminded that Article 46(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/787 provides for the tacit extension of that delegation of power for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32019R0787>.