**Summary technical specifications**

**for registration of geographical indications**

**Name Of The Geographical Indication:**

"Originali lietuviška degtinė/Original Lithuanian vodka"

**Category Of The Product For Which The Name Is Protected**

Spirit drink (vodka)

**Applicant:**

Association “Alliance of Baltic Beverage Industry”

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**Protection In EU Member State of Origin**

The date of the first protection in Lithuania: from 01-05-2004 (The Technical Regulation on the Production, Handling and Presentation of Spirit Drinks approved by Order No 3D-139 of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania dated 7 April 2003 and amended by Order No 3D-208 of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania dated 22 April 2004 (*Official Gazette*, 2003, No 36-1600; 2004, No 60-2155))

Date of protection in the EU: from 01-05-2004, Annex III of the Regulation (EC) No 110/2008

**Description Of The Agricultural Product Or Foodstuff**

* **Raw materials**

Rectified ethyl alcohol produced from grain cultivated in the Republic of Lithuania and water prepared by reverse osmosis.

Ethyl alcohol type: “Deluxe”. This type of ethyl alcohol meets the strictest quality requirements. Its levels of residues are stated below (also in comparison with the limits in the legislation of European Union):

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| Residues | Maximum level | |
| “Deluxe” ethyl alcohol | EU limit  (Regulation (EC) No 110/2008) |
| (i) total acidity, expressed in grams of acetic acid per hectolitre of 100 % vol. alcohol: | **0,8** | 1,5 |
| (ii) esters expressed in grams of ethyl acetate per hectolitre of 100 % vol. alcohol: | 1,3 | 1,3 |
| (iii) aldehydes expressed in grams of acetaldehyde per hectolitre of 100 % vol. alcohol: | **0,2** | 0,5 |
| (iv) higher alcohols expressed in grams of methyl2 propanol1 per hectolitre of 100 % vol. alcohol: | **0,3** | 0,5 |
| (v) methanol expressed in grams per hectolitre of 100 % vol. alcohol: | **10** | 30 |
| (vi) dry extract expressed in grams per hectolitre of 100 % vol. alcohol: | 1,5 | 1,5 |
| (vii) volatile bases containing nitrogen expressed in grams of nitrogen per hectolitre of 100 % vol. alcohol: | 0,1 | 0,1 |
| (viii) furfural: | not detectable | not detectable |

* **Other ingredients**

In addition, to give special organoleptic characteristics, juices, extracts of plant materials and natural flavouring substances may be added. Also colorants may be used.

* **Filtration**

“Originali lietuviška degtinė/Original Lithuanian vodka” must be filtered using the classical three-stage filtering system (initial quartz sand filters, activated charcoal column filters and secondary quartz sand filters). Other filters can also be used additionally.

* **Alcohol content**

Minimum 40 % vol.

* **Physical appearance**

Crystal clear vodka or flavoured (and/or coloured) vodka. On the label “Originali lietuviška degtinė” and/or English translation “Original Lithuanian vodka” appears. There are no particular requirements regarding bottle size (volume), shape or colour.

**Concise Definition Of The Geographical Area**

Production area is limited to the entire territory of the Republic of Lithuania.

**Link With The Geographical Area**

Generally vodka may be produced from various materials: grain, potatoes, molasses, grapes, etc. and every raw material gives to the product its distinctive taste and flavour.

But ethyl alcohol used for the production of "Originali lietuviška degtinė/Original Lithuanian vodka" must meet two main conditions:

1. It must be produced only from grain (mainly from wheat, rye or triticale);
2. These grains must be cultivated in the Republic of Lithuania.

Additionally "Originali lietuviška degtinė/Original Lithuanian vodka" must be filtered through three stage filtration system (primary quartz sand filters, activated charcoal filters and secondary quartz sand filters).

This gives to "Originali lietuviška degtinė/Original Lithuanian vodka" particular smoothness, taste and flavour.

**Specific Rules Concerning Labelling (If Any)**

None.

**Control authority/control body**

State Food and Veterinary Service

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