Transmission of an established geographical indication of spirit drinks

# Technical File

## Name and Type

### Name(s)

Hüttentee (de)

### Category

32. Liqueur

### Member State or third country

Germany

### Application language:

German

### Geographical indication type:

PGI - Protected Geographical Indication

## Contact details

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### Competent control authorities details

### Control bodies details

## Description of the spirit drink

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| Title – Product name | Hüttentee |
| Physical, chemical and/or organoleptic characteristics | Summarised description:  ‘Hüttentee’ is produced in all regions of Germany from ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin mixed with tea or tea extract, rum, sugar and other ingredients. ‘Hüttentee’ may either be served as a cold, ready-to-drink liqueur, or in ski and hiking huts as a hot drink prepared on the spot.  - Alcohol content of the ready-to-drink spirit: at least 22.5 % vol.  - Minimum sugar content: 100g/litre of the final product (referred to as invert sugar).  - Clarity: clear  - Colour: reddish to brownish in colour, according to the additional ingredients used.  - Odour: fruity, nutty, caramel with a hint of rum  - Taste: a fruity, nutty, caramel and rum taste  - Ingredients used: Ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, tea or tea extract, rum, sugar, if applicable, other ingredients to provide flavour, e.g. fruit distillates (fruit spirits or fruit brandies), arrack, fruit juices, citrus fruit skins and spices, or if applicable, other natural flavourings, or colourings, water to reduce to drinking strength. |
| Specific characteristics (compared to spirit drinks of the same category) | - Served either cold or hot.  - Minimum alcohol strength required of 22.5 % vol. is above that required of a liqueur (15 % vol.).  - Only natural flavourings. |

## Define geographical area

### Description of the defined geographical area

‘Hüttentee’ is produced in all regions of Germany from ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, tea or tea extract, rum, sugar and other ingredients.

‘Hüttentee’ is either served as a cold, ready-to-drink liqueur, with a minimum alcohol content of 22.5 %, or is sold commercially as a high-percentage alcohol concentrate to be used as a basis for hot drinks prepared on the spot. Such hot drinks are most frequently prepared in ski and hiking huts in Germany’s mountainous areas (e.g. in the German Alps, in the Bavarian Forest, in the Thuringian Forest, in the Erzgebirge, in the Schwarzwald and in the Harz) over the winter months. Hüttentee concentrate is mixed with hot water or tea and, if appropriate, other ingredients, and the drink is also sold under the geographical indication ‘Hüttentee’.

### NUTS area

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## Method for obtaining the spirit drink

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| Title – Type of method |  |
| Method | According to the geographical location of the producer and the individual recipes of each producer, the composition of ‘Hüttentee’ can vary.  However, all products contain at least the following ingredients: ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, black tea or tea extract (from black tea), rum and sugar. All products have a typical hint of rum. According to the producer, other flavouring ingredients may be added, e.g. fruit distillates (fruit spirits or fruit brandies), arrack, fruit juices, citrus fruit skins and spices, or if applicable, other natural flavourings.  All of the ingredients are mixed thoroughly in tanks.  To complete production, the high-percentage ethyl alcohol, tea and rum spirit is reduced to the desired drinking strength using water, it is poured into bottles or other suitable sale containers, and it is labelled and packaged. |

## Link with the geographical environment of origin

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| Title – Product name | Hüttentee |
| Details of the geographical area or origin relevant to the link | In Germany and in Austria, particularly in the mountainous areas of southern Germany, e.g. in the German Alps, the Bavarian Forest and the Schwarzwald, since the end of the nineteenth century, ‘Hüttentee’ grew to become a traditional, warming drink for the winter months. People spending a long time outside in the cold, among others, forestry and mining workers, huntsmen and skiers, had long appreciated the advantages of ‘Hüttentee’.  Since the 1960s, with the increase in winter sport tourism in Germany’s mountainous areas – particularly in the Bavarian Alps – the drink boomed in popularity.  Until 2008, the drink was marketed in Germany under the synonymous designation ‘Jägertee’ (also ‘Jagatee’ and ‘Jagertee’). A characteristic feature of both ‘Jägertee’ and ‘Hüttentee’ is a substantial rum content. Rum is an alcoholic component whose organoleptic properties develop well also upon heating, and especially in combination with further ingredients such as black tea and spices.  The name ‘Hüttentee’ makes it clear that black tea is a significant ingredient of this traditional liqueur, and secondly that the drink may be consumed warm or cold, particularly in ski and hiking huts in the mountainous areas of Germany.  For these reasons, since 20 May 2008, i.e. since the EU regulation on spirit drinks, Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 has been in force, the name ‘Hüttentee’ has been protected across the EU as an established geographical indication. |
| Specific characteristics of the spirit drink attributable to the geographical area | In the German mountainous areas, as in Austria, a popular warm drink was developed for the winter months, whose ingredients, specifically black tea and rum, have a warming effect after extended periods outdoors in cold temperatures. It is completely usual for ‘Hüttentee’ to be mixed with other liquid foodstuffs when served, including regional products, e.g. with fruit brandy. |
| Causal link between the geographical area and the product |  |

## Requirements in EU, national or regional

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| Title |  |
| Legal reference | Inter alia:  - Horizontal EU food legislation  - Vertical EU spirit legislation  - National spirit legislation (federal legislation) |
| Description of the requirement(s) | Labelling rules  Product specifications |

## Supplement to the geographical indication

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| Supplement to the geographical indication | Hüttentee |
| Definition, description or scope of the supplement | a) Basic rules on supplements to the geographical indication ‘Hüttentee’:  Under current Union law on spirits, the name ‘Hüttentee’ may be lengthened to include only  - the terms stipulated in Section (b), or  - terms other than those laid down in Section (b) which were demonstrably in common use on 20 February 2008.  b) Supplements with other geographical indications:  When Hüttentee is served as a cold drink (ready-to-drink liqueur) in certain areas of Germany, e.g. in Bavaria or in the Schwarzwald, the geographical indication may be lengthened accordingly, e.g. ‘Bayerischer Hüttentee’ or ‘Schwarzwälder Hüttentee’.  With the exception of reducing to drinking strength with water, bottling, labelling and packaging, this form of Hüttentee must be produced in that more restricted area.  Also for the hot drink prepared on the spot, the area of preparation may be indicated before the name (e.g. ‘Schwarzwälder Hüttentee’). |

## Specific labelling rules

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| Title | Details of the mix ratio for hot drinks prepared on the spot. |
| Description of the rule | If ‘Hüttentee’ is to be consumed in diluted form at the recommendation of a producer, the producer’s recommended dilution ratio must be indicated on the label. |

# Other information

## Supporting material

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| File name: | 2017-09-28 an KOM Antwort zur Mängelliste.pdf |
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## Link to the product specification

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