

REF: INT 01/13

Item: Pastis de Marseille

Commodity:

A beverage by the name "**Pastis de Marseille-Apéritif anise**" of an alcoholic strength by volume of 45% vol, consisting of water, ethyl alcohol, sugar, natural liquorice extracts, aniseed anethole (flavouring), colouring and ordinary caramel.

It is put up for retail sale in bottles of 700 ml and is intended to be consumed after having been diluted with water (5 to 7 parts of water mixed with one part of the product) or in cocktails.

Classification:

Heading 22.08, sub heading 2208.909.

The beverage has a very strong anise flavour but its taste cannot be described as sweet. Consequently, the product does not seem to satisfy the description of liqueurs as per the Explanatory Note to heading 22.08.

Rationale:

By application of GIR 1 and GIR 6 of the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System.

**Source: WCO Ruling
07 January 2013**