NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** European Union  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Wine products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X] All trading partners**  **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the categories of grapevine products, oenological practices and the applicable restrictions, the importation of wine originating in Canada, the inclusion of retailers among the categories of operators exempted from the obligation of keeping an inward and outward register. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 70, including the Annexes  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0214_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0214_01_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 provides for Union rules on categories of grapevine products, oenological practices and the applicable restrictions for the wine sector and empowers the Commission to adopt delegated and implementing acts setting out the technical details on these matters in particular on authorised oenological, practices, products and processes for all the categories of wine products.  The purpose of this delegated act is therefore to supplement Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards rules that are necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market for grapevine products. In particular, it sets out the legal framework for the oenological practices and compounds that are authorised for the production of all the categories of grapevine products listed in Part II of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.  The delegated act provides derogations to the acceptable limits for sulphur dioxides and volatile acidity.  The delegated act clarifies and simplifies the existing provisions. It also increases consistency between this regulation and the international code of oenological practices (OIV code) as regards Annex IA to this regulation.  The Delegated act repeals and replaces Commission Regulation (EC) No 606/2009 of 10 July 2009 laying down certain detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 as regards the categories of grapevine products, oenological practices and the applicable restrictions (OJ L 193 24 July 2009, p. 1). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** This regulation consists mainly in an alignment of the current Commission Regulation (EC) No 606/2009 of 10 July 2009 that contained some divergences with the OIV. One of the objectives was to further converge with the OIV, nevertheless some exceptions were maintained and coherence with horizontal Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives (OJ L 354, 31 December 2008, p. 16) had to be respected. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** March 2019  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** April 2019 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 12 March 2019  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  European Commission  DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations  Rue Froissart 101  B-1049 Brussels  Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263  Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090  E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu |
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