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Report Highlights:

The European Commission published a draft regulation outlining new rules for the indication and designation of ingredients for wine. The draft regulation also introduces a change to the VI-1 certificate. Stakeholders have until February 23, 2023, to comment.

General Information:

On January 26, the European Commission published a [draft Delegated Regulation](#) outlining new rules for the indication and designation of ingredients for wine.

The Delegated Regulation is based on [Regulation 2021/2017](#), which introduces a compulsory nutrition declaration and a compulsory list of ingredients for wine products sold on the EU market beginning on December 8, 2023. For more information about Regulation 2021/2017, please see GAIN Report: [European Commission Publishes New EU Labeling Rules for Wines](#).

Rules for the new list of ingredients

Regulation 2021/2117 introduces a compulsory nutrition declaration and a compulsory list of ingredients for wines, aromatized wines, and dealcoholized and partially dealcoholized wines.

The Delegated Act would impose specific rules regarding the compulsory list of ingredients:

- The term ‘grapes’ may be used to indicate that grapes and/or grape must are used as raw materials to produce grapevine products.
- The term ‘concentrated grape must’ may be used to indicate that ‘concentrated grape must’ and/or ‘rectified concentrated grape must’ are used to produce grapevine products.
- The oenological compounds that may be indicated in the list of ingredients are the additives and the processing aids causing allergies or intolerances set out in Annex I, Part A, Table 2, of [Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/934](#).
- Additives falling under the categories ‘acidity regulators’ and ‘stabilizing agents’ may be indicated in the list of ingredients by using the expression «contains» followed by an exhaustive list of all possible alternative substances, displayed with «and/or», where at least one is present in the finished product.
- The indication of additives falling under the category ‘packaging gases’ in the list of ingredients may be replaced by the specific particular ‘Bottled in a protective atmosphere’ or ‘Bottling may happen in a protective atmosphere’.
- The addition of tirage liqueur and expedition liqueur to grapevine products may be indicated by the specific particulars ‘tirage liqueur’ and ‘expedition liqueur’, alone or accompanied, in brackets, by a list of their constituents, as laid down in Annex II to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/934.

These rules should apply when the list of ingredients is provided on the wine label, but also when the list of ingredients is provided by electronic means identified on the package or on a label attached thereto.

Where the list of ingredients is presented on the package or on a label attached thereto, the allergenic substances must be indicated in the list of ingredients.

Changes in the VI-1 Certificate

The Delegated Act also introduces changes to the accompanying document for the imports into the EU of wine products (the VI-1 document) to ensure that the list of ingredients is an integral part of the

description of the imported product. Therefore, the list of ingredients will be required to appear in Box 6 of the certificate.

Public Consultation

The public consultation on the draft delegated act is open until February 23, 2023. U.S. stakeholders who would like to comment can do so at the following page: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13380-Indication-of-wine-ingredients-and-adaptation-of-the-rules-for-geographical-indications-in-the-wine-sector_en

The deadline for input is midnight or 12:00 a.m. Brussels (Universal Time Coordinated + 01:00) on February 23, 2023. All comments provided through this consultation process may be released as public information.

Next Steps

Following the comment period, the European Commission will adopt the draft Delegated Regulation, which will then be sent to the European Parliament and the Council for a two-month scrutiny period.

It will then enter into force from December 8, 2023.

Attachments:

No Attachments.