

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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French

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Health
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 (ICS: 67.160.10, 67.220.20)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Not stated
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations (1014 - Wine Standard) (available in English and French; pages 1472 - 1478).
6.	<p>Description of content: Health Canada has received a submission to request the use of additional food ingredients and food additives during wine production to enable Canadian wine makers to follow wine-making practices recognized internationally and allowed in other countries. In addition, a request was made to modify the definition of wine to reflect modern practices in wine production and to maintain consistency with the definition of wine in international agreements signed by Canada. The submission also requested an increase in the permitted level of volatile acidity in wine from the current value of 0.13 per cent to 0.21 per cent weight per volume.</p> <p>The additional use of these food ingredients and food additives and the change in volatile acidity were evaluated from the standpoint of safety and efficacy. Available data support the safety and effectiveness of the use of these substances in the production of wine and the increase in permitted volatile acidity.</p> <p>Therefore, Health Canada proposes that amendments be made to the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i> to permit the use of the substances in the production of wine, at the permitted levels of use indicated, and to increase the maximum level of volatile acidity in wine. Health Canada also proposes to amend the definition of wine to better reflect the definition agreed upon at the international level, namely that wine shall be an alcoholic beverage that contains not less than 7 per cent and not more than 24 per cent alcohol by volume, produced by the complete or partial fermentation of fresh grapes, grape must or products derived solely from fresh grapes, or any combination of them.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests

<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 8 May 2004 (available in English and French).</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: Normally within 5 to 8 months of publication in the Canada Gazette, Part I.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: On the date the measure is adopted.</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: 22 July 2004 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2004/20040508/pdf/g1-13819.pdf</p>