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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 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/934 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards authorised oenological practices. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 27  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_04038_01_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_04038_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/934 supplements 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 defines in a clear and precise manner the permitted oenological practices including the methods for sweetening wines, the limits on the use of certain substances that may be used for wine-making and the conditions for using some of those substances for wine-making. It also aligns certain provisions with relevant international standards, namely the International Code of Oenological Practices and the International Oenological Codex of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV), as regards its Annex IA.  The draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/934 introduces new oenological practices on the basis of resolutions adopted in 2022 and 2023 by the OIV. It also provides clarifications on, and improves consistency of, some of the existing provisions.  Please note that elements pertaining to intellectual property rights, in particular to the application and/or implementation of Geographical Indications (GIs), are included in this notification as part of a legislative package but clearly fall outside the scope of the SPS Agreement. |
| **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:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   * Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20 December 2013, p. 671–854)   <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02013R1308-20231208>   * Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/934 of 12 March 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards wine-growing areas where the alcoholic strength may be increased, authorised oenological practices and restrictions applicable to the production and conservation of grapevine products, the minimum percentage of alcohol for by-products and their disposal, and publication of OIV files (OJ L 149, 7 June 2019, p. 1)   <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02019R0934-20190627&qid=1613637400178&from=EN>  (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** August/September 2024  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** October/November 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 days after 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)*:** 26 August 2024  **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 A4-Multilateral International Relations  Rue Froissart 101  B-1049 Brussels  Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263  E-mail: [sps@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu) |
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