

Notification of Market Access Requirements for Grape Wine: European Union Regulations

Pursuant to section 26A of the Wine Makers Act 1981 I hereby notify those aspects of -

Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1622/2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 883/2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2002

applicable to grape wine exported to the European Union that are regulated in the Wine (Export to European Union) Notice 2003 or in relation to which the New Zealand Government is required to issue an official assurance.

Signed at Wellington this 31st day of July 2003.

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New Zealand Food Safety Authority

(Acting pursuant to delegated authority)

Explanatory material

This notification relates only to those aspects of the above regulations that are applicable to grape wine exported to the European Union and that are regulated under the Wine (Export to European Union) Notice 2003 or that require the issue of an official assurance.

Winemakers and wine exporters to the EU should note that there are other mandatory requirements in the EU regulations that must be met in order to gain entry into that market. It is a matter between the exporter and the importing country as to whether compliance with those requirements has been met.

Copies of the relevant EU regulations are available at www.nzfsa.govt.nz/wine/