
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Common Agricultural Policy (Wine) Regulations 1996

PART III

QUALITY WINES PRODUCED IN SPECIFIED REGIONS

Interpretation of Part III

14.—(1) In this Part—

“Regulation 823/87” means Council Regulation (EEC) No. 823/87, as amended, laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions⁽¹⁾;

“quality wines psr” has the meaning assigned to it by Article 1(2) of Regulation 823/87;

“specified regions” means, unless the context otherwise requires, English Vineyards and Welsh Vineyards as defined in regulation 15.

(2) Other expressions used in this Part have, in so far as the context admits, the same meanings as in Regulation 823/87.

Specified regions

15.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the specified regions in the United Kingdom for the purposes of Article 3 of Regulation 823/87 are—

- (a) English Vineyards, comprising the areas of the counties described in Part I of Schedule 4, and
- (b) Welsh Vineyards, comprising the areas of the counties or, as the case may be, county boroughs, subject to any alteration of boundaries under Part IV of the Local Government Act 1972⁽²⁾, described in Part II of Schedule 4.

(2) There shall be excluded from the areas described in Part I and Part II of Schedule 4 any land situated at an altitude of more than 220 metres above sea level.

Vine varieties

16. For the purposes of Article 4 of Regulation 823/87, the list of vine varieties of the species *Vitis vinifera* suitable for producing quality wines psr in the specified regions is specified in Schedule 5.

Minimum natural alcoholic strength

17. The minimum natural alcoholic strength for quality wines psr produced in the specified regions shall be 6%.

(1) OJ No. L84, 27.3.87, p.59, the amendments to which are specified at item 27 in column 1 of Schedule 1 to these Regulations.
(2) 1972 c. 70; in Part IV, as it relates to Wales (ss.53 to 62, 64 to 76, and 78), section 64 is substituted by s.6 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c. 19) and minor and consequential amendments are made to ss.54 to 61, 67, 69, 71 to 74, 76 and 78 by s.66(5) of, and paragraphs 7 to 22 of Schedule 15 to, the 1994 Act.

Authorisation under Article 6(3) of Regulation 823/87

18. Notwithstanding the provisions of the second indent of Article 6(1) of Regulation 823/87, which requires the processing of grapes into must and the processing of that must into wine as well as the production of such wine within the specified region where the grapes used were harvested, a quality wine psr may be produced in an area in immediate proximity to a specified region.

Maximum yield

19. For the purposes of Article 11 of Regulation 823/87, the maximum yield for each hectare of land cultivated with vines for producing quality wines psr in the specified regions shall be 100 hectolitres.

Analytical test

20. For the purposes of Article 13 of Regulation 823/87—

- (a) the analytical test to establish whether any wine is eligible for designation as quality wine psr shall comprise a measurement of each of the factors specified in Schedule 6 in relation to that wine; and
- (b) wine shall be so eligible only where it meets each standard specified in that Schedule.