
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Common Agricultural Policy (Wine) Regulations 1996

PART II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Official functions and enforcement

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, local authorities, the Minister, the Commissioners and the Wine Standards Board are hereby designated as—

- (a) competent authorities for the purposes of the Community provisions, and
- (b) agencies for the purpose of the discharge, in relation to the wine sector, of the official functions of agencies (other than intervention agencies) under the Community provisions.

(2) For the purposes of Article 4(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2048/89 laying down general rules on controls in the wine sector, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereby designated as the liaison authority for the United Kingdom.

(3) Each local authority shall secure the enforcement and execution of the relevant Community provisions in so far as they relate to the retail sale of products within its area.

(4) The Minister, the Commissioners and the Wine Standards Board shall secure the enforcement and execution of the relevant Community provisions in so far as they relate to the importation and exportation of any wine-sector product to or from the United Kingdom.

(5) The Minister and the Wine Standards Board shall secure the enforcement and execution of the relevant Community provisions in so far as they relate to any matter not mentioned in paragraphs (3) or (4) above.

(6) Nothing in this regulation shall be taken as authorising the Wine Standards Board or the Commissioners or, in relation to Scotland only, the Minister or a local authority to institute proceedings for an offence.