
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Common Agricultural Policy (Wine)
(England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001**

PART III

QUALITY WINES PRODUCED IN SPECIFIED REGIONS

Specified regions

13.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the specified regions in England and Northern Ireland for the purposes of point A of Annex VI to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1493/1999 are English Vineyards, comprising the areas of the regions described in Schedule 4.

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

Minimum natural alcoholic strength

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

Authorisation under point D, paragraph 3, of Annex VI to Regulation 1493/1999

15. Notwithstanding the provisions of point D, paragraph 1(b), of Annex VI to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1493/1999, 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

16. For the purposes of point I, paragraph 1, of Annex VI to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1493/1999, 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

17. For the purposes of point J, paragraph 1(a), of Annex VI to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1493/1999—

- (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 5 in relation to that wine; and
- (b) wine shall be so eligible only where it meets each standard specified in that Schedule.

Designation of competent body

18. For the purposes of Article 56 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1493/1999, as read with Articles 10 and 12 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1607/2000 laying down detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EC) No. 1493/1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine, in particular the Title relating to quality wine produced in specified regions⁽¹⁾, the Wine Standards Board is hereby designated as the competent body, referred to in those Articles, in England and Northern Ireland.

(1) OJ No. L185, 25.7.2000, p. 17.