

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Common Agricultural Policy (Wine) (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (“the 2001 Regulations”), which provide for the enforcement in England and Northern Ireland of European Community Regulations concerned with the production and marketing of wine and related products.

These Regulations—

- (a) make changes to the rules to be observed before a table wine originating in England may be described as a “regional wine” and changes to the geographical indications that may be used for the designation of such wines (regulation 2(b) and (h) and Schedule 3);
- (b) provide for the accreditation of organisers of organoleptic assessment panels to determine whether a table wine is of a satisfactory organoleptic standard for a regional wine (regulation 2(b));
- (c) update references to European Community legislation by making changes to the definitions in the 2001 Regulations (regulation 2(a)), substituting a new Schedule 1 to the 2001 Regulations (regulation 2(e) and Schedule 1) and updating Part III of Schedule 2 to the 2001 Regulations (regulation 2(f) and Schedule 2); and
- (d) make a minor change to the vine varieties which may be used in the production of quality wines psr (regulation 2(g)).

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impacts on the cost of business.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Common Agricultural Policy (Wine) (England and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2004.