
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations enforce in the United Kingdom—

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine-product cocktails (OJ No L 149, 14.6.1991, p.1);

the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) relating to wine (OJ No L 299, 16.11.2007, p.1);

Commission Regulation (EC) No 555/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 on the common organisation of the market in wine as regards support programmes, trade with third countries, production potential and on controls in the wine sector (OJ No L 170, 30.6.2008, p.1);

Commission Regulation (EC) No 436/2009 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 as regards the vineyard register, compulsory declarations and the gathering of information to monitor the wine market, the documents accompanying consignments of wine products and the wine sector registers to be kept (OJ No L 128, 27.5.2009, p.15);

Commission Regulation (EC) No 606/2009 laying down certain detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 as regards the categories of grapevine products, oenological practices and the applicable restrictions (OJ No L 193, 24.7.2009, p.1);

Commission Regulation (EC) No 607/2009 of 14 July 2009 laying down certain detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 as regards protected designations of origin and geographical indications, traditional terms, labelling and presentation of certain wine sector products (OJ No L 193, 24.7.2009, p.60).

These are defined as “the European Regulations” in regulation 2.

Regulation 3 sets out the enforcement authority for the purposes of the European Regulations and regulation 4 sets out the competent authority.

Regulation 5 requires those who plant more than 0.1ha of vines and are not already registered to register with the Food Standards Agency.

Regulation 6 and Schedules 1 and 2 set out the requirements for protected geographical indications and protected designations of origin.

Regulations 8 to 17 set out enforcement related provision. In particular, regulation 14 creates offences in relation to breach of the European Regulations and regulation 15 sets out the penalties on conviction.

Regulation 18 requires the Secretary of State to review these Regulations and publish a report at a maximum interval of every five years.

Regulation 19 makes amendments consequential on repeals made by the European Regulations.

An impact assessment for this instrument has not been produced as no impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Wine Regulations 2011.