

**PROTOCOL TO THE 2007 WORLD WINE TRADE GROUP AGREEMENT
ON REQUIREMENTS FOR WINE LABELLING
CONCERNING ALCOHOL TOLERANCE, VINTAGE,
VARIETY, AND WINE REGIONS**

The Parties to this Protocol ("the Parties"):

Recalling the *World Wine Trade Group (WWTG) Agreement on Mutual Acceptance of Oenological Practices* done at Toronto on 18 December 2001, by which Parties agreed to enter into negotiations for the WWTG Agreement on Requirements for Wine Labelling ("the 2007 Agreement");

Recalling also the 2007 Agreement, done at Canberra on 23 January 2007;

Further recalling Article 13.1(a) of the 2007 Agreement, by which Parties agreed to continue discussing labelling requirements concerning information on alcohol tolerance, vintage, variety, and wine regions, with a view to concluding an additional agreement on labelling;

Recognising each Party's right to regulate the labelling of wine, consistent with its international obligations, *inter alia* to prevent deceptive labelling practices and to protect human health and safety;

Recognising that while certain regulatory requirements are common to the domestic laws of the Parties, there are some differences with respect to the labelling of wine concerning information on alcohol tolerance, vintage, variety, and wine regions;

Recognising that consumers have an interest in being provided with adequate information on wine labels;

Acknowledging that different regulatory requirements for wine labelling contribute to the complexity and cost of international trade in wine;

Desiring to facilitate the international trade in wine through a common understanding of the labelling of wine concerning information on alcohol tolerance, vintage, variety, and wine regions; and

Desiring to build upon the 2007 Agreement and to avoid unnecessary obstacles to trade, in accordance with their rights and obligations under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization done on 15 April 1994 (the WTO Agreement);

AGREE AS FOLLOWS: