

## World Wine Trade Group Agreement on Requirements for Wine Labelling

The Parties to this Agreement:

*Recalling* Article 6, paragraph 2 of the Agreement on Mutual Acceptance of Oenological Practices, done at Toronto on 18 December 2001 (hereinafter the Mutual Acceptance Agreement), in force since 1 December 2002, by which the Parties to the Mutual Acceptance Agreement agreed to enter into negotiations for an agreement on labelling;

*Recalling* the industry Statement of Principles on Wine Label Requirements agreed at Sonoma, California on 5 October 2000;

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

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

*Recognising* that certain regulatory requirements are common to the domestic laws of the Parties;

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

*Desiring* to reaffirm their rights and obligations under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization on 15 April 1994 (hereinafter the WTO Agreement) and to avoid unnecessary obstacles to trade in wine in accordance with those rights and obligations; and

*Desiring* to facilitate the international trade in wine through the adoption of common labelling requirements;

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

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