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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u>
2. Agency responsible: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (370)
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 [<input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 [<input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 [<input type="checkbox"/> , other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Wine (HS: Chapter 2204)
5. Title: Materials and Processes Authorized for the Production of Wine and for the Treatment of Juice, Wine and Distilling Material; also, Revised Alcohol Tolerance on Labels of Wine under 7 Per Cent Alcohol by Volume (90F-260T) (8 pages)
6. Description of content: This notice solicits comment from winemakers, consumers and other interested parties as to whether, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the use of certain materials and processes is acceptable in "good commercial practice" in the production, cellar treatment, and finishing of wine. If these new materials and processes are found to be acceptable, then a final rule will be published adding these new materials to the wine-treating material regulations. The Bureau is also proposing to revise 27 CFR 24.257(A)(4) to change the alcohol tolerance which is allowed on wine labels where the wine contains less than 7 per cent alcohol by volume.
7. Objective and rationale: To update materials and processes and simplify the wine regulations.
8. Relevant documents: 57 FR 23357, 3 June 1992; 27 CFR Part 24. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 6 July 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] or address of other body: