NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** ARGENTINA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Instituto Nacional de Vitivinicultura*, INV (National Institute of Vitiviniculture)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Enquiry point (see section 11) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading 20.09 (HS 22.04) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** *"Contenido de agua exógena en vinos"* ("Exogenous water content in wines") (3 pages, in Spanish) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** A limit of 2.8% is set for exogenous water content in wines resulting from the use of approved oenological products and from oenological practices authorized by the National Institute of Vitiviniculture.  Any wine that exceeds that limit will be classified "Not genuine, watered-down product - Article 23(a) of Law No. 14.878" and will be sanctioned under Article 24(h) of Law No. 14.878. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Given that a portion of the oenological products authorized by the National Institute of Vitiviniculture are solids and must be dissolved in water, must, wine or a mixture of water-must/wine and that international rules provide for the use of the water from that practice, it is considered necessary to establish a limit on exogenous water in wines; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * *Ley General de Vinos Nº 14.878* <http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/15000-19999/15764/texact.htm> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 4 January 2019  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 17 January 2019; 8 days from 9 January 2019 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** Not applicable |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  *Punto Focal OTC-OMC de la República Argentina* (TBT-WTO Focal Point of the Argentine Republic)  *Subsecretaría de Políticas de Mercado Interno* (Undersecretariat for Domestic Market Policies)  Avda. Julio A. Roca 651 Piso 4° Sector 23A (C1067ABB)  Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires  Tel.: (+54) 11 4349 4067  Email: [focalotc@produccion.gob.ar](mailto:focalotc@produccion.gob.ar)  <http://www.puntofocal.gob.ar/formularios/notific_arg.php>  <http://www.puntofocal.gob.ar/>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/ARG/19_1576_00_s.pdf> |