

EXECUTIVE NOTE

The Common Agriculture (Wine) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 SSI/2006/311

The above Regulations were made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

The Common Agriculture Policy (Wine) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 No 2002/325 (“the principal Regulations”) provide for the enforcement of European Community Instruments concerned with the production and marketing of wine and related products. The purpose of these Regulations is to take account of the relevant changes in EC legislation. These Regulations also introduce changes in the enforcement provisions of the principal Regulations with the Food Standards Agency taking over the enforcement functions currently carried out by the Wine Standards Board.

These Regulations replace references to the Wine Standards Board with references to the Food Standards Agency and make consequential amendments arising as a result of the transfer of the functions to the Food Standards Agency following the dissolution of the Wine Standards Board.

The procedure for reviewing prohibitions on the movement of wine-sector products has also been changed as a result of the transfer of functions. These Regulations provide the new review procedure.

Implementation of EU law

These Regulations update the definitions of enforcement authorities in the principal Regulations, update references to European Community legislation and add Gamay and Gewurztraminer to the list of vine varieties that may be used in the production of wines in Scotland.

Consultation

The Food Standards Agency (Scotland) and food enforcement interests have been consulted on the proposals. There is no grape wine industry in Scotland and therefore no wider industry or consultation is considered necessary.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations.

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