RESOLUTION CST 1/2002

REDUCTION OF OCHRATOXIN IN WINES

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

ON THE PROPOSAL OF the Scientific and Technical Committee, after considering the data from the "Viticulture" Commission, the « Technology of wine » experts group, the « Wine, Nutrition and Health » Sub-commission and the « Methods of Analysis and Appraisal of Wine Sub-commission » concerning ochratoxin A,

CONSIDERING that this toxin was subject to a toxicological evaluation at the 56th FAO/WHO Joint Experts Committee on food additives (JECFA), which set a provisional tolerable weekly intake of 100 ng/kg of body weight;

TAKING NOTICE that in some instances, ochratoxin A has been observed in many foods, including grapes,

CONSIDERING that the growth of the species of fungus responsible for the presence of ochratoxin A takes place in grapes in the vineyards,

REQUESTS that the level of ochratoxin A in wine be established as low as technologically achievable,

DECIDES to fix for wines obtained as from the 2005 harvest a maximal content in Ochratoxin A at 2 µg/l.

REQUESTS that reduction conditions of this maximal content be examined from now on, taking into consideration the technological and toxicological data so as to permit a further revision.

RECOMMENDS that the member states pursue research on preventive and protection measures in order to prevent the formation and the growth of ochratoxin A on grapes in the vineyards as well as setting up measures to reduce the presence of this toxin in grapes, wine and other grape-based products and to continue toxological research and other appropriate scientific work in the wine matrix.

SUGGESTS that the OIV set up a Code of good vitivinicultural practices in order to limit at maximum the presence of Ochratoxine A in grape-derived product.

Declaration of Finland :

"Finland regrets that the General Assembly could not agree on the introduction of a maximum limit for Ochratoxin-A of two micrograms per liter of wine already from the year 2002."

Certified in conformity Bratislava, 28th June 2002
The Director General of the OIV
Secretary of the General Assembly
Georges DUTRUC-ROSSET

© OIV 2002