RESOLUTION OENO 6/97

LYSOZYME TREATMENT

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AFTER HEARING the works of the expert group « International Code of Oenological Practices »,

DECIDES:

ON THE PROPOSAL of Commission II « Oenology », to include in the « International Code », the following definition;

PART II

Chapter 2: Musts

Lysozyme treatment

Definition:

Addition of lysozyme to the must.

Objectives:

a. Control of the growth and activity of the bacteria responsible for malolactic fermentation of the must.

b. Reduction of the rate of sulphur dioxide.

Prescriptions:

a. According to experiments, the maximum dose of 500 mg/l appears to be sufficient to control the growth and the activity of the bacteria responsible for malolactic fermentation during alcoholic fermentation.

b. Lysozyme cannot totally substitute for SO_2 which possesses antioxidant properties. A SO_2 + lysozyme association provides more stable wines.

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c. When must and wine are treated with lysozyme, the accumulated dose must not exceed 500mg/l.

d. The product must conform to the prescriptions of the International Oenological Codex.

Recommendation of the O.I.V.:

Accepted.

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