NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** SOUTH AFRICA**If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development**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:** South African Government Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural DevelopmentPrivate Bag X343Pretoria0001South AfricaTel: +(27) 12 3196535E-mail: BillyM@dalrrd.gov.za Cc WendyJ@dalrrd.gov.zaWebsite: <http://www.dalrrd.gov.za> |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Liquor products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Amendments to the Regulations of the Liquor Products Act, Act 60 of 1989 and the Wine of Origin Scheme; (84 page(s), in English), (12 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** REGULATIONS: AMENDMENTProvision for agave classes, beer classes, traditional African beer classes, other fermented beverages, dairy free liqueur and flavoured spirits in the regulations. Make provision for mead, rice fermented beverage, grain fermented beverage, sugar fermented beverage, sacramental beverage, orange juice and sugar fermented beverage and kombucha and sugar fermented alcoholic beverage under the other fermented beverages category of liquor. Provide for a definition for "prepackaged". Lower the maximum alcohol content of all spirit classes. Make provision for an Absinthe class, amend the definition of Gin, make provision for distilled gin, London dry gin and flavoured gin. Make provision for the labelling of Rose wine aged in red wine casks under specific conditions and MCC sparkling wines. Provide guidelines for lower in alcohol and comparative labelling claims. Make provision for best before date and production date in addition to filling date on the labelling of a liquor product. Allow for some flexibility with regards to the indication of Lot numbers. Make provision for the indication of drinking messages under the regulations of the Liquor Products Act, as currently required by the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, Act 54 of 1972, administered by the South African Department of Health. Amendment of regulation 58 to provide for guidelines during the appeal process. Update regulation 59 concerning offences and penalties. Amendment of Table 1 by addition of new grape cultivars for the production of wine. Amendment of Table 6 and 7, substances which may be added and removed from liquor products to list additives for all the new categories of liquor products and allowed practices.WINE OF ORIGIN AMENDMENTProvision for single vineyard wine, skin fermented white, moscato and amendment of section 23, 24 and 27. Provision for older white and red wine to be excluded from sampling under certain conditions. Table 1 and 22, addition of vine cultivars and synonyms to which the Scheme applies and for the production of Blanc de Noir wine. Revision and update of Table 4 regarding unacceptable quality characteristics of wine intended for certification under the scheme. Substitution of the word "board" in the scheme with the expression "WCA". |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** TWO Attachments:* Regulations: Amendment
* Wine of Origin: Amendment
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| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)Office of the CEO: Stakeholder Relations DepartmentContact: Ms. Nokubongwa Mvelase,1 Dr Lategan Road, Groenkloof; Private Bag X191;Pretoria 0001; Tel: +(27) 12 428 6125;Email: wto@sabs.co.za; nokubongwa.mvelase@sabs.co.za;Website: <http://www.sabs.co.za><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ZAF/24_07154_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ZAF/24_07154_01_e.pdf> |