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DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, IN CHARGE OF DIRECTORATES C, D AND E

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Subject: Your mail to AGRI-C2 concerning the labelling of grape sugar as ingredient in compound foodstuff

Dear Director General,

The EU defines the term "rectified concentrated grape must" (RCM) in the context of wine-making practises (Annex VII, Part II (14) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013). The assimilation of grape sugar and RCM in the "whereas clause" no 6 of Regulation (EC) No 144/2013 quoted by youⁱ relates to the term "grape sugar" as used by the OIV but does not correspond to the terminology used in the EU.

As to the terms "sugars extracted from fruit" or "grape sugar" the EU provides no legal definitions for these. Consequently, for the labelling of ingredients of compound foodstuffs for which fruit sugars are authorized (as e.g. jams) , on condition that the indication is not misleading for consumers, there is no reason to limit the labelling of the term "grape sugar" to the definition of concentrated grape must existing for the wine sector.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your letter and on the understanding that in the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the Court of Justice of the European Union to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours sincerely



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ⁱ The OIV has adopted certain specific methods to analyse grape sugar (rectified concentrated grape must). The corresponding methods currently included in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 606/2009 should be deleted.

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