Certification and U.S.-China Wine Trade

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Certificates for APEC Economies

- In FY 2011, TTB issued 3,063 export certificates for shipments to APEC economies
Certificates for APEC Economies

- China
- Korea
- Russia
- Chile
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Peru
- Canada
- Chinese Taipei
- Thailand
- Philippines
- New Zealand
- Mexico
- Singapore
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Vietnam
- Australia
- New Zealand
- India
Certificates for China

• In FY 2011, of the 3,063 export certificates for APEC economies, 2,288 (75%) were for China.

• Certificates for each shipment may include:
  ➢ Free sale
  ➢ Authenticity
  ➢ Health
  ➢ Sanitation
  ➢ Origin
TTB’s work with AQSIQ

- TTB signed a memorandum of understanding with China’s General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) in December 2007.
TTB Activities with AQSIQ

- Week-long exchange program for chemists at the offices of the Shanghai Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau (CIQ)
- Week-long visit by AQSIQ Import/Export Division including tours of TTB laboratories and two major California wineries
- Multi-laboratory validation of analytical methods
TTB is exploring the possibility of a consolidated certificate for exports to China.
World Wine Trade Group Efforts

- Participants:
  - Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Georgia, New Zealand, South Africa, United States
  - Observers are welcome

- Agreement on Mutual Acceptance of Winemaking Practices
- Memorandum of Understanding on Certification Requirements
Questions?

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