Codex Alimentarius

The Industry Section of the World Wine Trade Group adopted the following statement at its meeting in Adelaide, Australia (9-11 April, 2001).

The Wine Trade Group urges the members of the New World Wine Producers Forum to be vigilant in its participation in the activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission with respect to wine. In particular the Wine Trade Group urges that the Committee of Experts under the MAA be formed upon the entering into force of the agreement and includes the coordination of wine issues within Codex in its responsibilities.

It further elaborated its position at its meeting in Toronto, Canada (16-19 December, 2001):

Considering that the Codex Alimentarius Commission has established that the use of food additives is justified only:

- When such use has an advantage.
- Does not present a hazard to consumer health.
- Does not mislead consumers.

Recognizing that the technological need for additives may differ from one country to another.

Members of the Wine Trade Group recommend to their respective governments that they adopt the following policy with respect to approval of additives within the Codex Alimentarius Commission:

- That the maximum levels of food additives stated in the General Standard of Food Additives should be based on Good Manufacturing Practice.
- In the case of additives which are subject to an acceptable daily intake, the maximum level should reflect such intake considerations.