



INFORMATION

1 EU ALLERGEN LABELLING

As you all are aware the indication of the presence of milk and egg products in wine would have become compulsory for the EU market as from 30 June 2012. We have now being reliably informed that it is highly likely that this date will be postponed to 1 January 2013. However, we are awaiting an official brief from the EU Commission, which should –

- a) confirm postponement of the deadline;
- b) confirm that products labelled or placed on the EU market before 1 January 2013 will not be affected;
- c) set out the exact wording required, and translations thereof in all the official EU languages;
- d) set out the language(s) required by each EU Member State; and
- e) confirm that the detection limits and methods of analysis of the OIV (International Wine Office) will apply.

We shall keep you abreast of further developments in this regard.

2 R146 LABELLING REQUIREMENTS

The Minister of Health has published (in Government Notice R146 of 1 March 2010) regulations relating to the labelling and advertising of foodstuffs, which came into operation last month. These regulations provide for the compulsory indication on labels of, inter alia, ingredients (including additives and allergens), a best before date, batch identification, etcetera.

Since we have received many queries in this regard, we confirm that “any drink referred to in the Liquor Products Act” is exempted from the labelling requirements of R146. Thus, all liquor products (which include wine) are exempted.



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