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**CALL FOR COMMENTS**

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**RIESLING**

**1 Introduction**

Can only Weisser/Rhine Riesling be called Riesling? Or should Cape Riesling also be allowed to be called Riesling? This debate has been ongoing in our industry for many a year now.

Currently our law allows, for the local market at least, Cape Riesling to be called Riesling or Crouchen. Weisser/Rhine Riesling must be indicated as such, and may not be shown as Riesling. For most exports the opposite applies - Cape Riesling may not be indicated as such and must be shown as Crouchen, and Weisser/Rhine Riesling may be indicated as Riesling.

Following recent representations and consultations in this regard, a proposal as set out in paragraph 2 below has been tabled. Your written comments on this proposal will be welcomed.

**2 Proposal**

The proposal is as follows:

From a date to be determined (taking into account stocks, your comments, etcetera) -

- (a) Cape Riesling may still be shown as Crouchen, but not as Riesling; and
- (b) Weisser Riesling/Rhine Riesling may be indicated as Riesling.

This proposal will still not allow Cape Riesling to be exported to the European Union as such - it will have to be indicated as Crouchen.

**3 Comments**

Your written comments on above-mentioned proposal before the end of May 2008 will be appreciated. Kindly send your comments to writer (André Matthee) using the email address (or contact link above) or fax number below or post to P O Box 3, Koringberg, 7312.

Attached please find some certification statistics in respect of the varieties concerned.

  
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LITRES CERTIFIED AS:		
	Cape Riesling (Crouchen)	Weisser/Rhine Riesling
2000	918680	1304962
2001	1066617	986172
2002	1318600	945732
2003	1303997	919357
2004	921665	600663
2005	631631	437376
2006	506289	318689
2007	528547	417951

