

## **II.3.4.16 Treatment using chitosan**

### **Classification:**

- *Chitosan: processing aid*

### **Definition:**

Addition of chitosan of fungal origin to wines

### **Objectives:**

- To reduce heavy metal content, notably iron, lead, cadmium, copper,
- To prevent iron haze, copper haze,
- To reduce possible contaminants, especially ochratoxin A,
- To reduce undesirable micro-organisms, notably *Brettanomyces*.

### **Prescriptions:**

- The doses to be used are determined after preliminary testing. The maximum dose used must not exceed :
  - 100 g/hl for the objectives a) and b)
  - 500 g/hl for the objective c)
  - 10 g/hl for the objective d)
- Sediments are eliminated by physical procedures.
- Chitosan of fungal origin may be used alone or together with other admitted products.
- Chitosan must comply with the requirements of the International Oenological Codex.

### **Recommendation of the OIV:**

Admitted