

RESOLUTION VITI 3/94

HARMONIZATION OF RESIDUE LEVELS IN EXCHANGES OF FRUIT

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BASED on the proposal of Commission I "Viticulture", after having heard the various national reports presented at the 73rd session on the theme "Exchange of Fruit: Table Grapes, Raisins. Harmonisation of Residue Levels",

DECLARES that international trade in table grapes and raisins is developing gradually,
OBSERVES

- that production regions, choice of varieties and culture methods are oriented towards optimum production and high quality of products, assuring a diversified supply,
- that consumers expect increasingly higher quality from the point of view of presentation of table grapes and raisins and complete harmlessness with regard to the residue of treatment products,

RECOMMENDS that the member states pursue efforts in these directions,

DRAWS attention:

- to the urgent need to make arrangements for inspection and to limit disinfection of products to the necessary minimum to avoid the spread of parasites, insect pests and vectors of the vine disease in the importing countries,
- to the need for harmonization of maximum limits of pesticide residues on fruit, based exclusively on scientific considerations,
- to the need to bring objective information on this subject to consumers,
- to the need to promote on the basis of precise international standards of quality, the consumption of table grapes and raisins.