

Maximum Residue Limits for the vine and wine sector

The issue of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) has been discussed for some years at the OIV expert meetings and some decisions have already been officially adopted, while some other positions have been registered during various occasions. Here's a brief summary of those, in chronological order:

1. During the OIV General Assembly of 2006 and 2007, two resolutions were adopted, relevant to this issue:

– **OENO 14/2006** suggesting “that each member state provide the OIV Secretariat with the maximum limits of residues of vine treatment products in wines which have been adopted and, if necessary, the updates. These notifications shall be published in a directory and disseminated by the most appropriate means”, and

– **VITI 1/2007** suggesting “that each member state of the OIV shall provide a list of phytosanitary vine products and the official maximum limits for residues of treatment products permissible for grapes, and, where relevant, taking into account their destination in addition to their periodical update”.

2. In the recent **OIV Strategic Plan 2012-2014**, the action K.5 was included:

Point	Action	Result projected 2012-2014
K.5	Raise awareness among wine sector stakeholders of the maximum residues limits (MRLs) related to wine products and wine	Guidelines on MRL's application adopted

3. Apart from these official decisions of OIV, a number of proposals have been made at various opportunities drawing the benefits of raising awareness around the various MRLs set at different countries, while achieving their harmonisation seemed to be a quite complicated task.

At the meeting of the Sub-Commission **SCRAISIN** “Table grapes, raisins and unfermented vine-products” in March 2012, it was decided to address the point K.5 of the Strategic Plan, by uploading to the OIV website links for the MRLs of the different countries importing or exporting grapes or wines. This decision was also the conclusion of the “**Round Table**” held during the 35th OIV Congress in Turkey, in June 2012: this round table was addressing this issue and its extensions in the marketing and the sustainable trade of the products in the global market. After consultation of the members of the OIV “**Steering Committee**” and the discussion undertaken during the Intercommission meeting in October 2012, the proposal to create a tool of online links was formulated.

In reply to all the above mentioned decisions and proposals of the OIV and its official organs, the OIV Secretariat has gathered a list of online links, where the relevant information on the Maximum Residue Limits applicable on grapes (table or wine or dried grapes) and wines (if any) can be found in the following table, in alphabetical order.

This information is based on :

- communication of the member countries, as it is foreseen in the adopted OIV Resolutions,
- notifications given by the countries to the WTO,
- other sources: CODEX Alimentarius, EU, USDA MRL database

Country	Website	Remarks
Australia	Australian MRL Database (AWRI)	This database gives access to the MRLs of various countries
	The MRL Standard (APVMA)	MRLs set for Australia
Argentina	Official Regulation 934/2010	Look in Annex 1 – “Listado” and filter the products for grapes
Canada	Canada MRL Database	Search engine by product or pesticide
CODEX Alimentarius	Grapes: FB 0269 Dried grapes: DF 0269	The MRLs of active substances for grapes and for dried grapes are constantly updated
European Union	EU Pesticides Database	The MRLs of active substances for grapes are constantly revised by the european authorities
Japan	Positive list of pesticides and MRLs	Search for grape
Switzerland	Official Regulation (OSEC)	Search for grape or wine
United Kingdom	UK MRL Database	
United States of America	MRL database	This database gives access to the MRLs of various countries and a search engine is provided for the user to reach the information he needs
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