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STATEMENT BY OIV

The OIV appreciates all the works performed by the Codex Alimentarius. We are an intergovernmental organisation of scientific and technical nature for setting standards in the field of viticulture and oenology (CRD 19), representing 85% of the world wine production and 80% of the consumption.

We have more than 1000 experts send from their Member States to work in the 4 commissions Viticulture/Oenology/Economy and Food safety.

The OIV is looking for a close collaboration with Codex but also with JECFA and we would like to see OIV reference in CCFA documents to avoid duplicating work, and establishing different international standards.

Good wine making practices is the basis of our work. In some cases it is necessary to set numerical limits which are based on technical or scientific evidence. The OIV is currently revising some limits taking into account the technological need (i.e. climate change). This is of course a continuous process.

Finally, technical decisions are taken by consensus of all OIV Member States according to an 8 step procedure comparable to the Codex Alimentarius procedure.