# INTERNATIONAL CODE OF OENOLOGICAL PRACTICES Sterilising filtration

# **II.3.2.2.2 Sterilising filtration**

## Definition:

Filtration of wines on materials allowing the elimination of microorganisms.

# Objective:

To obtain biologically stable wines for bottling.

## **Prescriptions:**

- a) The objective can be achieved by the use of the following, having regard to conditions of pressure, flow and recommended duration:
  - Special prefabricated pads of cellulose or other materials;
  - Membranes having a maximum average pore diameter of 0.65  $\mu m.$
- b) The filtration equipment must be sterilised beforehand by passing hot water or steam through them.
- c) The materials used shall comply with the prescriptions of the International Oenological Codex.

## Recommendation of OIV:

Admitted

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