

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 261/2006

of 15 February 2006

amending Regulation (EC) No 753/2002 laying down certain rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 as regards the description, designation, presentation and protection of certain wine sector products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 53 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 37(1)(e)(ii) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2002 ⁽²⁾, third countries may use, as optional particulars, additional traditional terms listed in Annex III to that Regulation, provided the conditions laid down in that Article are fulfilled.
- (2) South Africa has requested to be able to use on the Community market the terms 'ruby', 'tawny' and 'vintage'. These terms, which are identical to Community additional traditional terms listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 753/2002, are used for fortified wines, are regulated in South Africa and have been traditionally used for more than 10 years in the territory of that country. As these terms are strictly defined in an equivalent way as they are for certain Community wines and are used on labels indicating the true place of origin

of the wines in question, they are not, therefore, used in a manner so as to mislead consumers. Accordingly, their use should be permitted on the Community market.

- (3) Regulation (EC) No 753/2002 should therefore, be amended accordingly.
- (4) The Management Committee for Wine has not delivered an opinion within the time-limit set by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 753/2002 is amended as follows:

1. the part of Annex III referring to Portugal is replaced by Annex I to this Regulation;
2. Annex IX is replaced by Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 February 2006.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2165/2005 (OJ L 345, 28.10.2005, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 118, 4.5.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1512/2005 (OJ L 241, 17.9.2005, p. 15).

ANNEX I

Traditional term	Wines concerned	Product categories	Language	Date added to Annex III	Third country concerned
PORTUGAL Traditional specific terms referred to in Article 29					
Denominação de origem (DO)	All	Quality wine psr, quality sparkling wine psr, quality semi-sparkling wine psr, quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Denominação de origem controlada (DOC)	All	Quality wine psr, quality sparkling wine psr, quality semi-sparkling wine psr, quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Indicação de proveniência regulamentada (IPR)	All	Quality wine psr, quality sparkling wine psr, quality semi-sparkling wine psr, quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Vinho doce natural	All	Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Vinho generoso	DO Porto, Madeira, Moscatel de Setúbal, Carcavelos	Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Terms referred to in Article 28					
Vinho regional	All	Table wine with GI	Portuguese		
Additional traditional terms referred to in Article 23					
Canteiro	DO Madeira	Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Colheita Seleccionada	All	Quality wine psr, table wine with GI	Portuguese		
Crusted/Crusting	DO Porto	Quality liqueur wine psr	English		
Escolha	All	Quality wine psr, table wine with GI	Portuguese		
Escuro	DO Madeira	Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Fino	DO Porto DO Madeira	Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Frasqueira	DO Madeira	Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		

Traditional term	Wines concerned	Product categories	Language	Date added to Annex III	Third country concerned
Garrafeira	All	Quality wine psr, table wine with GI Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Lágrima	DO Porto	Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Leve	Table wine with GI Estremadura and Ribatejano DO Madeira, DO Porto	Table wine with GI Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Nobre	DO Dão	Quality wine psr	Portuguese		
Reserva	All	Quality wine psr, quality liqueur wine psr, quality sparkling wine psr, table wine with GI	Portuguese		
Reserva velha (or grande reserva)	DO Madeira	Quality sparkling wine psr, quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Ruby	DO Porto	Quality liqueur wine psr	English	2006	South Africa (*)
Solera	DO Madeira	Quality liqueur wine psr	Portuguese		
Super reserva	All	Quality sparkling wine psr	Portuguese		
Superior	All	Quality wine psr, quality liqueur wine psr, table wine with GI	Portuguese		
Tawny	DO Porto	Quality liqueur wine psr	English	2006	South Africa (*)
Vintage supplemented by Late Bottle (LBV) or Character	DO Porto	Quality liqueur wine psr	English		
Vintage	DO Porto	Quality liqueur wine psr	English	2006	South Africa (*)

(*) "Ruby", "Tawny" and "Vintage" are used in association with the South African geographical indication "CAPE".

ANNEX II

'ANNEX IX

List of representative trade organisations referred to in Article 37a and their members

Third country	Name of representative professional organisation	Members of representative professional organisation
— South Africa	— South African Fortified Wine Producers Association (SAFPA)	— Allesverloren Estate — Axe Hill — Beaumont Wines — Bergsig Estate — Boplaas Wine Cellar — Botha Wine Cellar — Bredell Wines — Calitzdorp Wine Cellar — De Krans Wine Cellar — De Wet Co-op — Dellrust Wines — Distell — Domein Doornkraal — Du Toitskloof Winery — Groot Constantia Estate — Grundheim Wine Cellar — Kango Wine Cellar — KWV International — Landskroon Wine — Louiesenhof — Morgenhog Estate — Overgaauw Estate — Riebeek Cellars — Rooiberg Winery — Swartland Winery — TTT Cellars — Vergenoegd Wine Estate — Villiera Wines — Withoek Estate'