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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 Articles 46(1), 53(1) and 70(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1622/2000 of 24 July 2000 laying down certain detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine and establishing a Community code of oenological practices and processes[(2)] lays down restrictions on and certain conditions for the use of substances authorised by Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999. As a result of the addition of the use of pieces of oak wood to the list of authorised oenological practices in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999, restrictions on and conditions for the use of this material should be laid down. The restrictions and conditions laid down in this Regulation are in accordance with the rules approved by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 884/2001 of 24 April 2001 laying down detailed rules of application concerning the documents accompanying the carriage of wine products and the records to be kept in the wine sector[(3)] lays down rules on the information to be provided in accompanying documents and the keeping of inwards and outwards registers, and provides in particular for the indication of certain operations in the records. The particular characteristics of the use of pieces of oak wood in wine require this use to be indicated in the accompanying documents and the records.

(3) Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2002 of 29 April 2002 laying down certain rules for applying Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 as regards the description, designation, presentation and protection of certain wine sector products[(4)] lays down the conditions for using indications concerning the production method. The use of pieces of oak wood in winemaking gives the product a woody flavour similar to that of wines produced in oak casks. It is therefore difficult for the average consumer to determine which of

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the two methods has been used. Using pieces of oak wood in winemaking is extremely financially attractive to wine producers, and affects the selling price of the product. There is a risk of misleading consumers if the labelling of a wine made using pieces of oak wood contains terms or expressions which may lead them to believe that it has in fact been produced in oak casks. To avoid misleading consumers, and to prevent any distortion of competition between producers, appropriate labelling rules should be laid down.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1622/2000 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following Article 18b is inserted:

Article 18b

Use of pieces of oak wood

The usage of pieces of oak wood provided for in paragraph 4(e) of Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 may be carried out only where it meets the requirements set out in Annex XIa to this Regulation.

2. Annex I to this Regulation is added as Annex XIa.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 884/2001 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following indent is added to the first subparagraph of Article 14(1):
— the use of pieces of oak wood in winemaking.

2. The following figure 8a is added to point 3.2 of paragraph B of Annex II:

8a : the product has been made using pieces of oak wood.

Article 3

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

1. The following paragraph 3 is added to Article 22:

3. The indications in Annex X are the only terms which may be used to describe a wine that has been fermented, matured or aged in an oak container. The Member States may, however, establish other indications equivalent to those laid down in Annex X for such wines, paragraphs 1 and 2 applying *mutatis mutandis.*

Use of one of the indications listed in Annex X shall be permitted where the wine has been aged in an oak container in accordance with the national rules in force, even when the aging process continues in another type of container. The Member States shall notify the Commission of the measures they take to implement this paragraph.

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The indications in Annex X may not be used to describe a wine made with the aid of pieces of oak wood, even in association with the use of an oak container or oak containers.

2. Annex II to this Regulation is added as Annex X.

Article 4

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, 11 October 2006.

For the Commission

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