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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>ARGENTINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: National Institute of Vitiviniculture Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: <i>Idem</i> national enquiry point
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Wine products
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Rules Governing the Production of Sparkling Wine, Champagne, Sweet Natural Sparkling Wine, Natural Semi-Sparkling Wine, Natural Fruity Sparkling Wine, Aerated Sparkling Wine and Wine Cocktails (43 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: Approves the rules governing the production and registration of sparkling wine, champagne, sweet natural sparkling wine, natural semi-sparkling wine, natural fruity sparkling wine, aerated sparkling wine and wine cocktails. Monthly Sworn Declaration of Stock and Movement of Factory Products.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: There is a need to tailor the controls carried out by the National Institute of Vitiviniculture to the new systems developed by the industrial sector with regard to product definition and to adopt measures designed to comply with international standards on appellations of origin. There are currently sufficient suitable established vine varieties to satisfy the production requirements of the above wine products. There is also a need to determine which type of establishment should produce the wines covered by this Regulation; these establishments should therefore be defined, the existing ones removed from the Institute's registers and those already registered re-registered under the new system. It is also essential that those responsible for registered establishments enter factory product analyses in their official records.
8.	Relevant documents: Council Resolution No. 1/2003.

9.	Proposed date of adoption: 29 January 2003 (Official Journal). Proposed date of entry into force: As from 6 February 2003: Article 3, 30 days; Article 9, March 2003; Article 13, 60 days.
10.	Final date for comments: -
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of other body: Focal Point of the Argentine Republic National Directorate of Domestic Trade (DNCI) Avda. J. A. Roca 651, 4 th floor, Sector 22, (1322) Buenos Aires Fax: (54 11) 4349-4038 Tel.: (54 11) 4349-4037 E-mail: vcamal@mecon.gov.ar