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In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK will become a third country in relation to the EU and goods exported from the UK will therefore be subject to the EU's legislative requirements of third country imports.

This means that each consignment of wine products exported to the EU from the UK will need to be accompanied by an export certificate VI-1 document which is made up of two parts: a certificate issued by a competent authority and an analysis report signed and stamped by a designated laboratory. These requirements are set out in Article 90 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and Section II of Regulation (EU) 2018/273.

Defra will act as the competent authority for issuing VI-1 documents. The ability to issue VI-1 documents is dependent on a laboratory/laboratories being designated to draw up the analysis reports in advance and those laboratories being recognised by the EU and listed by the European Commission.

Whether the wine to be exported originated within the UK or any other third country determines the process for issuing VI-1 documents. As such, a split process is in place whereby VI-1 certificates are certified by the competent authority, Defra.

For the purposes of issuing a VI-1 document, wine produced within the UK will be required to be tested by a designated laboratory. These varieties of wine will fully require a new analysis report to be created and attached to the VI-1 for export.

In this instance, wine exporters will be responsible for ensuring that an analysis report has been drawn up from an approved laboratory for each variety of wine that is produced. The analysis report can be reused each time a consignment of that particular variety of wine is exported to the EU by being included within each separate VI-1 document. However, it should be noted that as every consignment shipped needs an analysis report; if the analytic characteristics of any particular consignment are likely to be different from the original variety, then a fresh analysis report will need to be ordered.

The laboratory analysis report will need to provide the following information for wine products:

- For grape must and grape juice:
  - Density
- For wine and grape must still in fermentation:
  - Total Alcoholic Strength
  - Actual Alcoholic Strength
- For all products:
  - Total Dry Extract
  - Total Sulphur Dioxide
  - Total Acidity
  - Volatile Acidity
  - Citric Acidity
- Full name and address of the designated body or department (laboratory is required)
- The laboratory is required to stamp the analysis report
- The place and date of the stamp
- The signature of the laboratory

The analysis report will need to be completed in the format as set out in Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 273/2018, found [here](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018R0273&from=EN) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018R0273&from=EN>). This can be completed either by the laboratory or by the exporter, however if completed by the exporter the laboratory would still then be required to sign and stamp the analysis report.

The VI-1 documents will be shared directly with Defra for final authorisation following the signature of the laboratory being placed on them.

Defra are alerting the market of the opportunity to become an approved laboratory. In order to become approved, laboratories are required to have ISO/IEC 17025 UKAS accreditation.

If you would like to become an approved laboratory, please send a copy of your ISO/IEC 17025 UKAS certificate along with your name, the name of your company, company registration details including registered address and trading address to the following email/postal address:

Email: Wine.Exports@defra.gov.uk

Address: Wine Certification, Food and Farming Trade and Sectors, Agri-food Chain

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Following approval, Defra will supply the EU with the details of the approved laboratory and these details will also be made publically available on GOV.UK and a European Commission website.

Any approved laboratory will be required to enter into a data sharing agreement with Defra and place a privacy notice on their website informing their clients that analysis report results will be shared with Defra if a VI-1 document is intended to be authorised.

Only those laboratories that have been approved by Defra will be authorised to issue analysis reports.