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## SESSION 5: WHERE TO FROM HERE

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## RISK : KEY THEMES

Wine is a low risk product when it comes to food safety. Producers and regulators in all economies share an interest in protecting consumers' health, and in addressing deceptive practices and fraudulent behaviour.

Not all risks in the winemaking process demand a regulatory response. Producers have an inherent interest in managing risks which affect the reputation of their products.

A balanced response to the regulatory risks which do exist can be informed by cooperation between economies, in international fora such as *Codex Alimentarius* and through an active dialogue with industry. There is scope to develop common elements within APEC for risk management frameworks.

## REGULATORY COHERENCE: KEY THEMES

There are benefits from transparency and consistency in regulation.

Certification is not always necessary. Where it is used, multiple overlapping certification requirements create administrative burdens and costs, including for regulators

Harmonisation and mutual acceptance are both recognised as valuable ways to promote regulatory coherence in the region, and could be a potential area for future work by the WRF.

## INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND COLLABORATION: KEY THEMES

There is value in members collaborating to collect data for submission to Codex and to support Codex standards setting activities. Through active participation in Codex and the APEC WRF, members can ensure their interests are looked after so that international standards reflect the needs of individual economies

Similar work is being done across APEC, and there would be value in linking to the Food Safety Cooperation Forum work on MRLs and capacity building.

## INFORMATION SHARING: KEY THEMES

Continued information exchange will build confidence amongst regulators and improve understanding of regulatory requirements by industry. It can be difficult otherwise for economies to develop regulations which manage risk appropriately without an understanding of how risk is managed by the exporting country and producer.

There are challenges in determining authenticity, which members could work together to address.



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## SESSION 6: WRAP UP SEMINAR & RECOMMENDATIONS

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## REGULATORY COHERENCE: RECOMMENDATIONS

The WRF should:

Examine the possibility of a '*minimum action level*' or '*de minimis*' level for presence of MRLs and other substances which aren't defined by Codex or national regulations;

Consider consolidation and/or removal of multiple overlapping and unnecessary certification requirements (for example methanol or microbiological contamination); and

Initiate a program, for Economies requiring certification to develop a common certificate and e-platform as a pilot project.



# INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND COLLABORATION: RECOMMENDATIONS

The WRF should:

Report the outcomes of the seminar to the Food Safety Cooperation Forum with a view to establishing a joint work programme towards harmonising MRLs within APEC, using wine as a case study; and

Participate and provide data and recommendations into Codex; and support the introduction of internationally used standards for winemaking additives and processing aids.

## INFORMATION SHARING: RECOMMENDATIONS

The WRF should:

Identify a contact point in each Economy for wine regulatory issues;

Increase information exchange on risk assessment strategies to encourage a common understanding of regulatory regimes in the region and help to build capacity for regulators and to manage risks, including authenticity related risks;

Continue to build on the Compendium of Certification Requirements, and include further information on market entry requirements, and product requirements, with a long term aim of developing a comprehensive regulatory database as a resource for producers and regulators;

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## INFORMATION SHARING: RECOMMENDATIONS

The WRF should:

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Continue the quarterly regulator conference calls as a method of exchanging information and consider expanding the agenda to include: information on best practice; especially when regulatory change is being considered; the consolidation of information requirements; and the need to regulate given the low risk profile of wine; and

Reconvene in 2013-2014 to work towards better regional coherence and alignment.



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# SESSION 7: QUALITY AND WINEMAKING RISK

**WITH BOB CAMPBELL, MW**



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