

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1986

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Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Finance
for and on behalf of the Minister for Primary Industry

AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY CORPORATION

(EXPORTS) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

Section 46 of the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980 provides for the making of regulations prohibiting the export of a grape product - wine, brandy or grape spirit manufactured in Australia from grapes or grape juice produced in Australia - except under prescribed conditions and in compliance with a system of licencing and certification.

Under the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 regulations made under the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980 may enter into force on the same day as the latter Act enters fully into force. While certain Sections of the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation (Amendment) Act 1986 came into operation on the date of Royal Assent, the remaining Sections will commence on 1 July 1986 and these amendments to the regulations will operate on and from the same date as those remaining Sections.

The existing regulations maintain the system of control over exports of grape products which has been applied to wine for many years during the operation of the Australian Wine Board, and the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation, under the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980. Revision of the powers of the Corporation as provided by Section 7 of the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Amendment Act 1986 included power for the Corporation to grant export licences rather than the Minister.

Consequently these regulations amend the existing regulations in line with this change of power (ie to empower the Corporation to grant export licences in its own right without reference to the Minister). Consequential minor amendments to the existing regulations have been made including provision to ensure the continued validity of export licences granted under the existing regulations.

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