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Report Highlights:

The indication of allergenic ingredients on wine labels became mandatory on November 25, 2005. This report lists which language(s) EU member states will accept for the purpose of allergen labeling.

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Allergen Labeling on Wine – Authorized Languages

On November 25, 2005, the indication of allergenic ingredients on food labels became mandatory throughout the EU. The new allergen labeling rules also apply to beverages containing more than 1.2% by volume of alcohol. Alcoholic beverages containing sulphur dioxide and sulphites at concentrations of more than 10 mg/kg or 10 mg/liter must be labeled “contains sulphites” or “contains sulphur dioxide”. Replacing the word “sulphites” by “SO₂” or “E220” is not allowed. Products placed on the market or labeled before November 25, 2005, may be sold while stocks last.

The table below indicates which language(s) EU member states will accept for the purpose of allergen labeling. When more than one language is indicated, at least one of them **must** be used. Together with one of the authorized languages, any other language **may** be used on the label. Information concerning authorized languages can be obtained from the national competent authority. The list of national competent authorities can be consulted on the European Commission’s website at http://europa.eu.int/comm/agriculture/markets/wine/labelling_allergens.pdf.

Member State	Authorized Languages for Allergen Labeling
Austria	German
Belgium	Dutch, French, German, English
Cyprus	Greek
Czech Republic	Czech
Denmark	Danish, Swedish, Norwegian
Estonia	Any EU language
Finland	Finnish and Swedish (Swedish can be replaced by Danish or Norwegian)
France	French, English
Germany	German
Greece	Greek
Hungary	Hungarian
Ireland	English
Italy	Italian
Latvia	Latvian
Lithuania	Lithuanian
Luxembourg	French, German, Luxembourgish
Malta	Maltese, English, Italian
Poland	Polish
Portugal	Portuguese, English, French, Spanish
Slovakia	Slovak
Slovenia	Slovenian
Spain	Spanish, English, French, Italian, Portuguese
Sweden	Swedish, English
Netherlands	Dutch
United Kingdom	English

Translation of the expression "Contains sulphites" in the 20 official EU languages	
Spanish	Contiene sulfitos
Czech	Obsahuje siricitany
Danish	Indeholder sulfitter
German	Enthält sulfite
Estonian	Sisaldab sulfitid
Greek	περιέχει σουλφίτες?
English	Contains sulphites
French	Contient sulfites
Italian	Contiene solfiti
Latvian	Satur sulfiti
Lithuanian	Sudėtyje yra sulfitai
Hungarian	Tartalmaz szulfitok
Maltese	Fih sulfiti
Dutch	Bevat sulfieten
Polish	Zawiera siarczyny
Portuguese	Contém sulfitos
Slovak	Obsahuje siricitany
Slovenian	Vsebuje sulfit
Finnish	Sisältää sulfitteja
Swedish	Innehåller sulfiter

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