Economy Roundtable – Focus on Traceability: Wine Traceability in Malaysia

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WINE TRACEABILITY

Malaysia

LEGAL REQUIREMENT

Does your economy impose traceability requirements on wine? If so, what records or documents must be produced or maintained when wine is traded between parties?

- Traceability system is mandatory under Regulation 10 of the Food Hygiene Regulations 2009, Food Act 1983
- Regulation 10 - Food traceability system:
  1. A proprietor, owner or occupier of food premises shall provide a food traceability system in the food premises which able to identify one step back from where the food came and one step forward to where the food went at any specified stage of a food chain from production to distribution.
  2. Failure to comply liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 ringgit or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.
INFORMATION REQUIRED

▪ Name and address of suppliers and customers
▪ Product specifications and dispatch date
▪ Quantity of product purchased / produced
▪ Quantity of product distributed
▪ Batch number of product

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➢ Does those requirements apply to imported wine?
  Yes
➢ How long must the records be retained?
  For the length of the shelf life of the product
➢ Are these requirements applied to ensure wine safety, wine quality, wine authenticity, or to some combination of these three elements?
  These requirements are applied to wine safety and quality.
➢ Has your economy mandated any product recalls involving wine in the past 10 years? If so, why was the recall initiated?
  No product recalls involving wine in the past 10 years.
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➢ Labelling requirements such as lot or batch numbers, and the name and address of the importer are common aids to traceability. Import certificates can also be used to track and trace wine. Is your economy planning to introduce any additional traceability requirements?

Not planning to introduce additional traceability requirements.

➢ Which governmental authority, agency or Ministry in your economy (if any) is responsible for implementing and controlling the wine traceability system? For example, which authority has access to the wine trading records?

The Ministry of Health is responsible for implementing and controlling the wine traceability system.