Export Certificates - An Industry Perspective

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1. E. & J. Gallo Winery: Who We Are

- Founded in 1933 in Modesto, CA by brothers Ernest & Julio Gallo
- Today we are the largest winery in the world with over 100 brands!

California

- Headquartered in Modesto, CA
- 12 Wineries
- 49 Vineyards
- Presence in Central Valley, North Coast and Central Coast
- Recent expansion into Washington!
Worldwide

- Active in over 100 countries
- International is 20% of business
- Largest exporter of California wine

2. APEC Export Certificates: A Business Case Study

- In 2016 Gallo spent 4,542 hours producing 6,030 export certificates for 17 APEC economies
- Within one country, pending on port of import and distributor, different documents are required!
2. APEC Export Certificates: A Business Case Study

Most common certificate requests:

- Certificate of Analysis
- Certificate of Free Sale
- Certificate of Manufacture
- Sanitary Certificate
- Certificate of Purity
- Certificate of Weights and Sizes
- Certificate of Sanitation
- Factory Certificate
- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Certificate
3. Wine is a Microbiologically Low Safety Risk Product

- Studies\(^1\) have shown wine is a microbiologically low safety risk product due:
  - High acid and polyphenolic content;
  - Alcohol content; and
  - The use of winemaking additions such as sulphur dioxide (INS 220-228) and sometimes potassium sorbate (INS 202).

- Hurdle technology

\(^1\) Microbiologically, Wine is a Low Food Safety Risk Consumer Product, FIVS. Presented at the 39th World Congress of Vine and Wine (2016) [https://doi.org/10.1051/bioconf/20160704003](https://doi.org/10.1051/bioconf/20160704003)

4. GOAL: being transparency, consistency, reduced paperwork burdens for companies and governments.

- Current work acknowledging wine’s unique product characteristics:
  - Proposed single consolidated, streamlined export certificate
  - Exploring specific requirements for certificates of analysis
5. Industry Request

- Industry would like to encourage economies requiring export certifications to consider implementing the APEC Model Wine Certificate and to streamline documentation requirements amongst ports.