



Australian Government

Wine Australia

EU Allergens Labelling

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Labelling Egg and Milk Products

This advice represents the information available to Wine Australia at 25 June 2012.

The European Union intends implementing the requirement to label for the presence of milk and egg products from 1 July 2012.

- Wine labelled with a vintage of 2011 and earlier will be exempt from the mandatory labelling requirement.
- Wine labelled with the 2012 vintage will only be exempt **if labelled before 30 June 2012**.
- 2012 wine labelled after 30 June must comply with the allergen labelling requirement.
- If you have not used milk and egg products in a wine and you are confident that there is no cross contamination then you do not need to indicate the presence of allergens. If you have used milk or egg products and the wine has not tested negative for the presence of residues using a technique with a detection limit of 0.25 mg/l then the presence of residues must be indicated.

The allergen indications may be in one of the following forms:

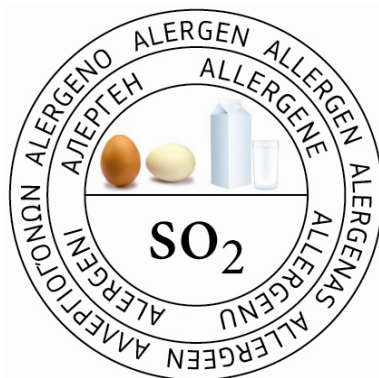
- Contains milk, Contains milk products, Contains milk casein or Contains milk protein
- Contains egg, Contains egg products, Contains egg protein, Contains egg lysozyme or Contains egg albumin

If multiple allergens are present there is no need to repeat the word “contains”. Hence the phrase “Contains sulphites, milk, egg” would suffice if all three allergens were present.

Each EU member state has now stipulated the language in which the allergen indication must be displayed. The EU has published the information listed in Annex 1 with the languages each country will accept.

If wine is to be marketed in all 27 EU countries it may be necessary to label in a minimum of 15 languages. This makes label design very difficult and a pictorial alternative would be very useful.

To that end the Europeans have developed a series of logos (see below) for use in the case where only sulphites are present, or when they are present in conjunction with milk and/or egg residues. The logo cannot be used by itself and must be accompanied by the textual statement about the presence of allergens listed in Annex 1. The logos may be used in colour, gray scale or black and white. No minimum print height has been advised:



Annex 1

Member State	Authorised Languages	Translations			
		Contains	Sulphites	Eggs	Milk
Austria	German				
Belgium	English, German, French or Dutch				
Bulgaria	Bulgarian	съдържа	сулфити	яйце	мляко
Cyprus	Greek				
Czech Republic	Czech	Obsahuje	siřičitany	vejce	mléko
Denmark	Danish	Indeholder	sulfitter	æg	mælk
Estonia	Any EU language	Sisaldab	sulfitid	muna	piim
Finland	Finnish and Swedish (Swedish can be replaced by Danish or Norwegian)	Sisältää	sulfiittia or sulfiitteja	kananmunaa	maitoa
France	French or English for sulphites or French for milk and eggs or any EU language + pictogram	Contient	sulfites	œuf	lait
Germany	German	Enthält	sulfite	Ei	Milch
Greece	Greek	Περιέχει	Θειώδη	αυγό	γάλα
Hungary	Hungarian	Tartalmaz	szulfitok	tojás	tej
Ireland	English or Gaelic				
Italy	Italian or any EU language + pictogram	Contiene	solfiti	uovo	latte
Latvia	Latvian	Satur	sulfiti	olās	piens
Lithuania	Lithuanian	Sudėtyje yra	sulfitai	kiaušiniai	pienas
Luxembourg	French or German				
Malta	Maltese or English or Italian	Fih	sulfiti	bajd	halib
Poland	Polish	Zawiera	siarczyny	jajo	mleko
Portugal	Portuguese, English, French or Spanish or any EU language + pictogram	Contém	sulfitos	ovo	leite
Romania	Romanian or French, German or English + pictogram	conține	sulfiți	ouă	lapte
Slovakia	Slovakian	Obsahuje	siričitany	vajce	mlieko
Slovenia	Slovenian	Vsebuje	sulfiti	jajce	mleko
Spain	Spanish for milk and eggs Spanish, English, French, Italian or Portuguese if only sulphites	Contiene	sulfitos	huevo	leche
Sweden	Swedish	Innehåller	sulfiter	ägg	mjölk
The Netherlands	Dutch	Bevat	sulfieten	ei	melk
UK	English	Contains	sulphites or sulfites	egg	milk