

APEC Wine Regulators ForumSimplifying the Certification Process

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Overview



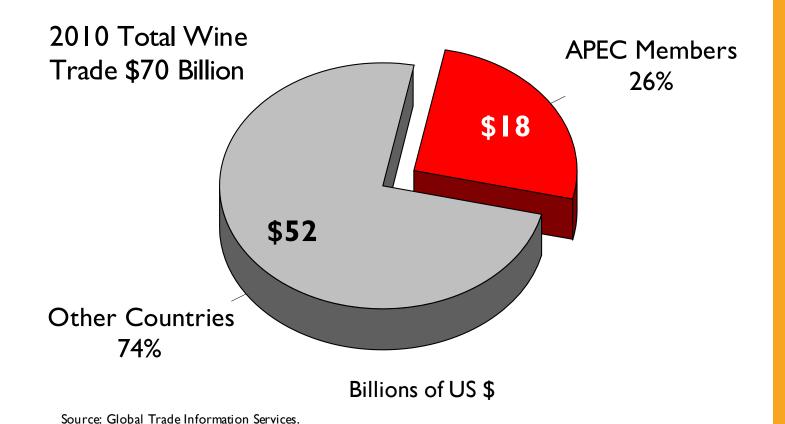
- Asia-Pacific Wine Trade / Trade Barriers
- 2011 WRF Seminar
 - Export Certificates
- Current TTB Work with WRF, China
- 2012 WRF meeting in New Zealand

Asia-Pacific Wine Trade

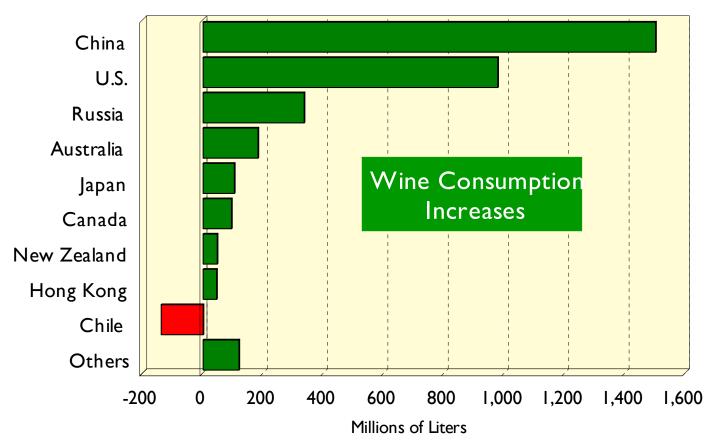


- Pacific-Rim wine trade growing dramatically
- APEC economies are significant factors in the global wine trade and within Region:
- Region trade up 300% to \$3.6 billion since 2000
- Enormous growth in exports from <u>Asian</u> APEC economies (rice and other fruit wines)

APEC Economies Made Up More than One-Quarter of All Global Wine Trade in 2010, Up from 21.8% in 2000



Change in Wine Consumption by Economy Since 1990 Consumption Has Grown Considerably in Most APEC Economies



Sources: OIV, TDA, Global Wine Statistical Compendium

Growth in Trade Barriers



- Unnecessary rules cost APEC economies \$1 billion/year
 - Impacts all economies (producing and non-producing)
- Eliminating duplicative trade barriers:
 - Protects consumers
 - Reduces the costs of cross-border trade
 - Generates revenue for APEC economies





- In 2002, World Wine Trade Group first discussed APEC
- In 2008, APEC endorsed "Wine Regulatory Forum"
- U.S. organized first WRF Seminar on Sept. 18-19, 2011
 - 110 regulators/stakeholders from 18 of 21 APEC countries

Goals:

- Maximize participation
- To promote Regulator dialogue and cooperation
- Learn International organizations/standards
- Build confidence in regulatory regimes

Seminar Highlights



- Presentations from Chile, China, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Peru, Chinese Taipei, Thailand
- Review of Key Int'l Organizations: WTO, Codex, APEC
- Best Practices in Regulation: WWTG Mutual Acceptance
- Good Regulatory Practices
- Regulators-Only Meeting
- TTB Compliance Laboratory Tour

















APEC Wine Certification



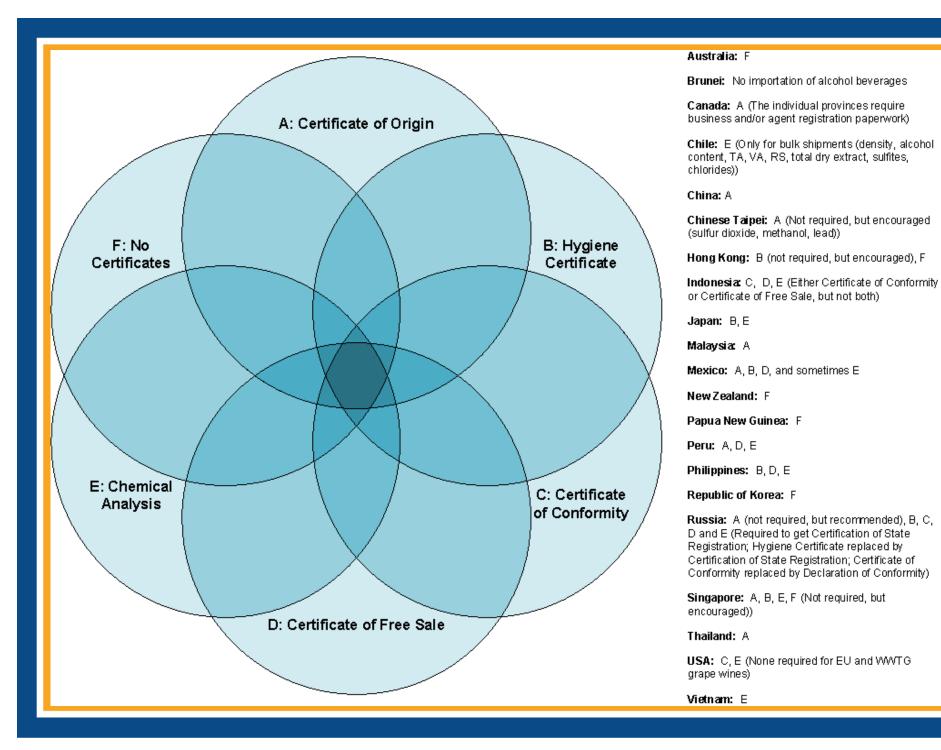
- While consumer safety is critical, wine is a "low risk food"
- Acid and alcohol make it an unfavorable environment for growth of pathogenic microorganisms
- •Codex Principles For Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification:
 - Consider costs to consumers and industry
 - Rules should be no more restrictive of trade than is necessary to achieve the required level of protection

TTB Certification Compendium



- U.S. Tax and Trade Bureau issues 1,846 wine certificates per year (1,485 to APEC economies)
- In 2011, TTB conducted APEC-wide review of certification requirements, finding:
- Countries where no certificates required
- Required certificates
- Required analyses
- Recommended certificates/analyses

Country	Cert. of Origin	Hygiene Cert.	Cert. of Conformity	Cert. of Free Sale	Chemical Analysis	No Certs.
Australia						х
Brunei						
Canada						
Chile					х	
China	х					
Chinese Taipei						
Hong Kong		х				x
Indonesia			х	x	x	
Japan		х			x	
Malaysia	х					
Mexico	x	х		x	sometimes req.	
New Zealand						X
Papua New Guinea						х
Peru	х			x	х	
Philippines		х		х	x	
Republic of Korea						x
Russia	х	x	х	х	x	
Singapore	х	x			х	x
Taiwan	х					
Thailand	х					
USA			х		х	
Vietnam					х	



Seminar Outcomes



- Build on Established Networks
 - Participate in Codex, APEC and WWTG
- Reduce Trade Barriers
 - Utilize TTB Certification Compendium
 - Refer to the CODEX guidance on certificates
 - Participate in APEC:
 - Food Safety Cooperation Forum
 - Export Certificate Workshop

Outcomes (cont'd)



- Develop Forward-Looking Work Plan:
- Include Stakeholders in discussions
- Exchange information on regulatory developments
- Accept E-certificates or Consolidate certifications
- Identify opportunities to continue the dialogue

Next Steps



- Continue regular WRF communications
 - TTB organized WRF calls in Dec. 2011, April 2012
 - TTB and AQSIQ discussing consolidating 3-4 certificates TTB now issues for exports to China
- New Zealand organizing next APEC WRF meeting
 - Wine Risk Assessment and Management
 - November 5-6, 2012 in Auckland, NZ
 - Joint APEC/WWTG Regulators session on Nov. 7

Thank You





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