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Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee

Status Update

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2021/2115 and (EU) No 251/2014 as regards certain market rules and sectoral support measures in the wine sector and for aromatised wine products.

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At its meeting on 26th June 2025, the DSC made a decision to monitor [Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations \(EU\) No 1308/2013, \(EU\) 2021/2115 and \(EU\) No 251/2014 as regards certain market rules and sectoral support measures in the wine sector and for aromatised wine products.](#)

1 Background

On 28th March 2025, the Commission presented a "wine package" – a proposal to amend the Common Market Organisation Regulation, the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation, and the Aromatised Wine Products Regulation. The “wine package” concerns specific market rules and sectoral support measures for the wine sector and for aromatised wine products.

The proposal responds to recommendations of the High-Level Group (HLG) on Wine Policy, published in December 2024. The HLG highlighted structural overcapacity in EU wine production, driven by: historically low EU wine consumption; a shift in consumer preferences towards lower-alcohol beverages; production volatility linked to climate change and extreme weather; and declining exports, affected both by similar consumer trends abroad and by geopolitical instability.

According to the Commission, the proposal addresses the HLG’s most urgent recommendations. Its urgency is cited as the reason for proceeding without a formal public consultation or an impact assessment.

The proposal is currently being examined by the European Parliament and the Council under the ordinary legislative procedure.

2 Status Update

On 1st September 2025, the European Parliament’s Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) discussed tabled amendments to the [draft report](#) on the proposal. The Rapporteur noted that technical talks were already underway and that agreements had been reached on several key points.

Compromise amendments—covering around two-thirds of all amendments—

have been agreed in principle, though not yet published. Technical negotiations are expected to conclude by the end of September.

The first Shadow Rapporteur's meeting on compromise amendments is scheduled for 23rd September, with an AGRI Committee vote on the draft report possibly the following day. Once adopted, the text would go to plenary for approval as Parliament's negotiating position.

In parallel, the Council's Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) approved its negotiation mandate on 19th June 2025.

Once both institutions have finalised their positions, informal trilogue negotiations are expected, with the aim of securing a first-reading agreement.

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