

**Question for written answer E-012186/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Ban on electro dialysis treatment of organic wine

Regulation (EC) No 203/2012 of 8 March 2012 on organic wine stipulates that such wine must be produced solely from organic grapes. It also means that the wine-making techniques employed have to be those termed 'organic'. As well as banning synthetic chemicals, it prohibits the use of a number of physical methods and processes, including electro dialysis.

Electro dialysis falls into the category of subtractive technologies, which can offer an alternative to the use of chemical additives during the wine-making process, especially at the bottling stage. Certain compounds cause an unwanted deposit to form in the bottle and must therefore be removed in order to preserve the quality of the wine and prevent it from going bad.

Electro dialysis is a purely physical method requiring no additives. It is frequently used in organic wine-making outside Europe, as it is considered to be environmentally friendly.

What are the scientific reasons for the ban on this technique in organic wine-making?