

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0921/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Mixing white wine and red wine

At a recent meeting of the COM Management Committee, a majority of countries apparently said they were in favour of a draft Commission regulation on oenological practices, as part of the package of wine sector reform implementing measures.

In this text, the Commission is proposing to authorise mixtures of red and white in the category of table wines (a practice known as *coupage*).

Will quality wines continue to be able to forbid this practice? Does the draft regulation introduce any other new oenological practices, other than authorising *coupage*?