

Phase II

- *Activity VII* - Updating of technical standards to international level

Objective of the activity: This activity was intended to provide a report reviewing current standards and analysis procedures and proposing updated technical standards and procedures in line with international practices. The objective of this task was to help the Ministry of Agriculture in up-dating the current wine production and technical standards mentioned in the laws regulating the wine sector in order to comply with the EU and most developed countries wine standards.

Reason for the activity: The law on Wine and Vine of Georgia was drafted in 2000 under FAO assistance and, following parliament discussion amendments and various changes, was adopted on February 4th, 2003. It was then followed by the adoption of various sets of Normative acts and decrees. Taking in consideration the heritage of Georgia as a former member of the Russian Federation and in order to facilitate and speed up its adoption, the Law on Wine and Vine was mostly based on the Russian GOST wine standards.

These standards, still relevant when export to Russia is concerned, do not apply for export in the rest of the world. As Georgia is also interested in exporting outside of Russia, wine production and quality standards mentioned in the law on wine and vine need to be up-dated.

Document / main outputs provided: This contribution was prepared with a view to (i) align Georgian oenological practices with international oenological practices, and (ii) update legislation to introduce modern winemaking practices in Georgia. It also takes in consideration new developments in the Georgian wine sector.

Other donors contribution: GTZ has also provided analysis on current standards and EU requirements

Local stakeholder main inputs: As limits indicated in proposed provisions are based on EC regulations (EC 1493/1999), it was up to MAF/SAMTREST and/or any other relevant body to check these limits and adjust them according to current legislation.

Attached please find:

- Proposed improvement on the oenological substances and practices which are to be applied in the wine production in Georgia