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**Wine Australia**

# **China Chemical Analysis Request**

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It has come to our attention that some importers of wine into China are demanding certificates demonstrating the wine complies with limits established for various plasticisers.

Apparently some imported wine consignments have been delayed at the border pending confirmation of test results. We are not aware of any Australian wines being held at this stage.

Late last year it was suggested that plasticisers were being deliberately added to certain Chinese liquor, and the testing requirement may be in response to those suggestions.

Wine Australia is working with departments of the Australian Government to establish whether this apparent certification requirement represents the official position of Chinese authorities.

The Australian Wine Research Institute is investigating options for analysing for the presence of a range of plasticisers in wine, particularly the phthalates DEHP, DINP and DBP.

We will provide more information as we receive it and in the meantime please advise us, by email, if your Chinese importer contacts you on this matter.

For further information contact Steve Guy or the Compliance Audit team on 08 8228 2000.