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In the EU products marketed with the name ‘wine’ or ‘aromatised wine products’ (AWPs) are subject to strict rules regarding their content and processing. The list of oenological compounds authorised for the production and preservation of wines and the conditions and limits of use, including their function and categorisation as additives or processing aids, is laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2019/934¹. Only the ingredients laid down in Regulation (EU) No 251/2014² are authorised to produce AWPs.

If those products are modified by using additives or processing methods that are not included in the abovementioned regulations, they can no longer be considered wine or AWPs. In this case, those products, including the additives or flavouring contained therein, are examined and regulated by general food law.

Concerning labelling, since the entry into force of Regulation (EU) 2021/2117³, which amended Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013⁴ and (EU) No 251/2014, the requirements of the list of ingredients for wine and AWP are considered compulsory or mandatory particulars, respectively, that must be included in the labelling and presentation of wine and AWP. All additives used in the production of any of these products must be presented in the list of ingredients, in line with Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011⁵.

The provision requiring the compulsory labelling of the list of ingredients and the nutrition declaration for wine and AWP guarantees the right of consumers to access information on the substances used in their production, in line with the EU legislation on food information to consumers.

Work on preventive health will be stepped up, ensuring a comprehensive approach to health promotion and disease prevention across the life course.

¹ Annex I, part A, table 2 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/934: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2019/934/oj/eng

² <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/251/oj>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2117/oj/eng>

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1308/oj/eng>

⁵ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/1169/oj>