A Worldwide Federation for the Wine, Beer, and Spirits Sectors

VISION

FIVS’s vision is to promote a successful global alcohol beverage sector, operating on the principles of corporate social responsibility and sustainability and focusing on consumer interests, in an environment free from trade-distorting factors of all kinds.

Founded in 1951, FIVS is a global organisation designed to serve the wine, beer, and spirits sectors from around the world on public policy issues.

WHAT WE DO

◆ Gather and share relevant information
  FIVS reports on significant developments to its members in critical topical areas such as economic, social, and environmental sustainability matters.

◆ Develop and communicate positions on key issues
  FIVS’s Committees and Working Groups develop policy and technical positions. FIVS then advocates on behalf of its members after consensus is reached and communicates views to relevant bodies including national governmental authorities, intergovernmental organisations and others. FIVS has been engaged on issues such as advertising restrictions, restrictive trade measures, allergen labelling requirements and significant technical matters.

◆ Serve as an international networking platform
  FIVS’s Meetings bring together industry members, government officials, academic experts, and others from around the world. These gatherings enable participants to learn about and exchange views on cutting-edge issues and to collaborate on industry initiatives.

◆ Interact with international organisations
  FIVS holds observer status at the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV), and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). FIVS also interacts with other international bodies such as the World Wine Trade Group (WWTG), the International Wine Technical Summit (IWTS), the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Wine Regulatory Forum, the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the World Customs Organisation (WCO), the International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML), and the World Health Organisation (WHO).
FIVS’S MAIN INITIATIVES

FIVS-APACE

FIVS-APACE is an online database which houses information on additives and processing aids approved for use in winemaking around the world. This information source is an initiative of the FIVS Scientific and Technical Committee.

FIVS-Abridge

FIVS-Abridge contains national regulations and international agreements covering major topics and markets in the wine industry. This database is an invaluable resource for those who trade their products internationally, and serves as a regulatory repository for some 23 governments.

FIVS-Assure

FIVS-Assure is a comprehensive online database of exemplary social responsibility programmes in the alcohol beverage area. Examples are drawn from around the world and are in several different languages.

The Global Wine Producers Environmental Sustainability Principles (GWPESP)

The GWPESP provide guiding tenets to alcohol beverage industry members who seek to implement sustainability practices. The GWPESP are fully consistent with concepts in the Consumer Goods Forum’s Global Food Safety Initiative and are embedded in the OIV’s Guidelines for Sustainable Vitiviniculture.
FIVS comprises a General Assembly, a Presidential Council, three Working Groups, two Committees, and a Secretariat.

- **The General Assembly** sets the overall direction for the federation and includes representatives from each member.

- **The Presidential Council** implements the strategies set by the General Assembly and consists of a president, three vice-presidents, a secretary, an assistant secretary, a treasurer, and an assistant treasurer. A member emeritus also assists with targeted initiatives.

- **The FIVS Secretariat** coordinates operations to ensure the smooth functioning of the Federation, its committees and its working groups.

- **FIVS’s Committees** handle substantive issues, such as in the case of the Scientific and Technical Committee, while the Recruitment Committee handles administrative matters.

- **FIVS’s three Working Groups** seek to improve members’ economic, social, and environmental sustainability (the so-called “triple bottom line”).
Interested parties are encouraged to contact the FIVS Secretariat.

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