Brazil – Standards of wine and derivates of grapes and wine products.

The EU expressed concerns with an amended regulation on identity and quality standards for wines. According to the EU, this regulation may cause future disruptions of EU wine exports to Brazil due to differences with standards adopted by the Paris-based International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV). The EU invited Brazil to consider the recommendations of the OIV when preparing its regulations on wine and to accept imported wine made according to OIV-authorized practices.

Brazil said its legislation was developed in accordance the provisions of the TBT Agreement, and that several opportunities for comment were provided. According to Brazil, comments received from the EU in the development of the measure were mostly taken on board in its final version. Brazil said that OIV standards were used as a basis for developing the measure, except when these standards were ineffective or inappropriate for the fulfilment of the legitimate objectives of the measure. Brazilian authorities also gave a 360-day transition period to allow industry time to adapt.