

# THE WINE AND SPIRIT BOARD

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## **IPW Policy for the cancellation of confirmed audit dates.**

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### **Annual audits by the Wine and Spirit Board**

The purpose of the independent IPW audits is to ensure that the integrity of the Scheme is respected, and that evaluation forms, relevant documentation and practices are completed correctly and implemented as prescribed in the IPW Guidelines

The Wine and Spirit Board contracts an independent audit body to audit, on an annual basis, Wineries, Bottling Facilities and Farms that are distributed through all winegrowing regions, at the cost of the Board.

The Wine and Spirit Board provides funding of the compulsory audits in such a way that Wineries, Bottling Facilities and Farms are audited within a three (3)-year period. Wineries, Bottling facilities and Farms must pass an independent audit at least once in three (3) years to ensure continuous certification. Farms of Producer Cellars (Cooperative wineries) are selected at a random basis.

### **Accepting and cancelling confirmed audits**

To ensure that compulsory audits are viable, it requires detailed planning and subsequently Wineries, Bottling Facilities and Farms can only be audited on predetermined dates in various regions. To make use of these audits, producers are required to be audited on these predetermined dates. Wineries, Bottling Facilities and Farms are required to confirm an audit date within two (2) weeks after being contacted by the audit body.

Where a producer refuses an audit, or where a confirmed audit date is cancelled, the relevant producer will automatically be put under probation for a 6-month period.

During the 6-month period, it is the producer's responsibility to confirm an acceptable date for a follow-up audit with the IPW office to ensure that its IPW membership is not suspended.

The cost of the follow-up audit will be the responsibility of the Wineries, Bottling Facility or Farm.

Kind Regards,

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