



The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission of the States parties to the World Wine Trade Group Agreement on Requirements for Wine Labelling, which was done at Canberra on January 23, 2007, and for which the United States of America is depositary.

In performance of depositary duties, the Secretary of State transmits the enclosed copy of a communication from Canada regarding its application for accession to the Protocol to the 2007 World Wine Trade Group Agreement on Requirements for Wine Labelling Concerning Alcohol Tolerance, Vintage, Variety, and Wine Regions, which was done at Brussels on March 22, 2013.

The Secretary of State would be grateful if the Chiefs of Mission would forward this information to their respective governments.

Enclosure: As stated.

Department of State,

Washington, February 7, 2017.

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**Note No. WSHDC-4043**

The Embassy of Canada presents its compliments to the Department of State of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the *Protocol to the 2007 World Wine Trade Group Agreement on Requirements for Wine Labelling*, done at Brussels on 22 March 2013 (the “2013 Labelling Protocol”).

The 2013 Labelling Protocol requires that a State ratifies the 2007 Labelling Agreement before it can accede to the 2013 Labelling Protocol. The Embassy confirms that the Government of Canada has ratified the *World Wine Trade Group Agreement on Requirements for Wine Labelling* in July 2015 and it entered into force for Canada on 1 August 2015.

As per the requirements of Article 8(1) of the 2013 Labelling Protocol, the Embassy of Canada is pleased to provide the Department of State of the United States of America, which acts as depositary for the instrument, with the Government of Canada’s new application, in the form of this note, to accede to the 2013 Labelling Protocol. The Embassy of Canada understands that this application will be scheduled for consideration and decision by the Parties to the 2013 Labelling Protocol at their next meeting in April 2017, in Brussels.

The Embassy of Canada would appreciate the assistance of the Department of State of the United States of America, as depositary, in circulating to the Parties of the 2013 Labelling Protocol Canada’s application for their consideration prior to the next meeting of the World Wine Trade Group.

Canada is hopeful that its application will be received positively thereby paving the way for an official invitation to accede to 2013 Labelling Protocol.

The Embassy of Canada avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, February 3, 2017

