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Italy Reorganizes Food Fraud Agency Offices Across the Supply Chain

The decree reshapes ICQRF’s local inspection network, a key enforcement system for wine labeling, origin claims and product integrity.

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Italy’s Agriculture Ministry has published a decree reorganizing the territorial offices of the Central Inspectorate for Quality Protection and Fraud Repression of Agri-food Products, known as ICQRF, in a move that will reshape the agency’s local structure for official controls across the food supply chain.

The decree was signed on May 15 and published in the Official Gazette on June 25. It comes from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry and concerns the territorial offices of ICQRF, the body responsible for quality controls and anti-fraud enforcement in agri-food products.

The text published in the Official Gazette identifies the measure as a reorganization of ICQRF’s territorial offices. The notice does not, in the material available, detail the operational changes office by office, but it confirms a formal restructuring of the agency’s local network.

The change matters for drinks producers because ICQRF plays a central role in official checks involving wine and other alcoholic beverages in Italy, including product quality oversight and fraud prevention. A new territorial setup could affect how inspections are distributed and managed locally, with potential implications for wineries, bottlers and other operators subject to compliance checks.

ICQRF is one of Italy’s main enforcement bodies for protecting agri-food quality standards and combating fraud. In the beverage sector, that role is especially relevant for wine, where origin claims, labeling and product integrity are closely regulated.

The decree was published in the General Series of the Official Gazette, No.145, under code 26A03170.