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French Customs Sets December 10 Deadline for VENDANGES Wine Filings

Cooperative wineries and merchant-vinifiers face a later January 10 deadline under the published customs timetable.

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France’s Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties has set out the filing rules and operating details for VENDANGES, the online service used to submit mandatory wine harvest and production declarations in France, a step the administration says is

required before grapes, musts, and wines can be marketed.

According to the customs authority, the service is intended for grape growers, lessors who vinify, cooperative wineries, and merchant-vinifiers. It is not available to members of the Champagne wine committee, the Alsace wine committee, or growers covered by the Cognac sector body for these declarations, because they must file through their respective interprofessional organizations. The administration also says filers linked to Interloire may submit harvest and production declarations either through VENDANGES or through that interprofessional group’s portal.

The customs administration says the declarations are required by the European Commission and are used to track harvest and wine production volumes in France. That makes the system a core compliance point for the wine trade. For producers, cooperatives, and wine merchants, the filing calendar can directly affect the ability to place products on the market and may help limit the risk of non-compliance in a sector where volume reporting is closely tied to regulation and campaign monitoring.

Under the published timetable, growers and lessors who vinify must file by 11:59 p.m. on December 10 of the harvest year. Cooperative wineries and merchant-vinifiers must file by 11:59 p.m. on January 10 of the year after the harvest. The customs website also notes an exceptional measure for the 2025-2026 campaign, under which harvest and production declarations for growers and lessors who vinify could be filed until 11:59 p.m. on January 10, 2026.

French customs says VENDANGES remains open after the regulatory filing deadlines until July 31 of year N+1 and allows declarations that have already been submitted to be amended online until that same date. The administration says the service also supports reporting volumes by production site, a change aimed at giving a more detailed view of output across the campaign.

The agency says users are guided throughout the filing process and receive a consistency check during validation so they can review items flagged by the system and decide whether corrections are needed. Customs has also posted support material for different categories of filers, including a user guide for cooperative wineries and merchant-vinifiers, a correspondence table for growers moving from the former

RECOLTE service to VENDANGES, and a 2026 FAQ.

In addition to manual entry, the service allows data to be uploaded through a file generated from a company’s own information system. Customs says this DTI+ option uses JSON files and is designed to make filing easier for declarations that include a large number of references. Technical documentation has been published so software and IT teams can adapt their systems for data exchange.

Access to VENDANGES requires a valid user account on the French customs portal and completion of an enrollment form for the viticulture online services. For technical problems, customs directs users to submit assistance requests through its online support tool, known as OLGA.

The VENDANGES page is part of a broader set of digital customs tools for the wine sector. The same area of the customs website also points users to the online services for disposing of winemaking byproducts and for filing wine and must stock declarations, underlining how French authorities continue to organize wine-sector reporting through linked digital procedures.