COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 March 1980

approving a programme under Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 for the processing and marketing of wine in Italy

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(80/399/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 of 15 February 1977 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed [1], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 17 December 1979 the Italian Government forwarded the programme for the processing and marketing of wine ;

Whereas the programme relates to the development, modernization and rationalization of facilities for wine-making, storage, bottling and marketing of wine and facilities for derived products, in particular by cooperatives set up with the aim of increasing the quantities handled by cooperatives, improving quality, adapting to market requirements and improving the profitability of the sector ; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 ;

Whereas approval of the programme does not extend to projects the purpose of which is primarily the production and marketing of products not listed in Annex II to the Treaty ; whereas it also relates only to projects covering wines for which sales prospects are good having regard to their type and quality ;

Whereas the programme contains sufficient details to comply with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, showing that the objectives laid down in Article 1 of that Regulation can be achieved in respect of the wine sector in Italy ; whereas the schedule for implementation of the programme doe not exceed the time limit laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of the Regulation ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The programme for the processing and marketing of wine submitted by the Italian Government on 17 December 1979 pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 is hereby approved, subject to the restrictions set out in the recitals.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

[1] OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.