COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 May 2001

on the inventory of wine production potential presented by France pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999

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(Only the French text is authentic)

(2001/435/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999, of 17 May 1999, on the common organisation of the market in wine [1], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2826/2000 [2], and in particular Article 23(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 provides for the presentation of an inventory of wine production potential. Access to the regularisation of unlawfully planted areas, the increase in planting rights and support for restructuring and conversion is subject to prior presentation of this inventory.

(2) Article 19 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1227/2000, of 31 May 2000, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine, as regards production potential [3] sets out details of the information to be included in the inventory.

(3) By letters of 25 September 2000, 29 December 2000 and 8 January 2001 France sent the Commission the information referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999. Examination of this information shows that France has compiled the inventory.

(4) This Decision does not entail recognition by the Commission of the accuracy of the information contained in the inventory or of the compatibility of the legislation referred to in the inventory with Community law. It is without prejudice to any future Commission decision on these points.

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Commission notes that France has compiled the inventory referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 21 May 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 328, 23.12.2000, p. 2.
[3] OJ L 143, 16.6.2000, p. 1.