COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 June 2001

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

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(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(2001/475/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 are 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 31 July 2000, 28 September 2000, 20 November 2000, 18 December 2000, 12 and 29 January 2001, 10, 13, 23 and 24 April 2001 and 2 May 2001, Italy sent the Commission the information referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999. Examination of this information shows that Italy has compiled the inventory for the regions listed in Article 1.

(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 Italy has compiled the inventory referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 for the following regions and autonomous provinces:

1. Abruzzo
2. Basilicata
3. Calabria
4. Campania
5. Emilia-Romagna
6. Friuli-Venezia Giulia
7. Lazio
8. Liguria
9. Lombardy
10. Marche
11. Molise
12. Piedmont
13. Apulia
14. Sardinia
15. Sicily
16. Tuscany
17. Trento
18. Umbria
19. Veneto
20. Valle d'Aosta
21. Bolzano.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 12 June 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

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.