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REGULATION (EEC) No 2232/70 OF THE COMMISSION

of 3 November 1970

on private storage aid for table wines which stand in close economic relationship with the R I and A I types of table wine

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70[1] of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organisation of the market in wine, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1253/70,[2] and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 5 (7) thereof;

Whereas the second subparagraph of Article 5 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provides that if the state of the market so requires a decision may be taken to grant aid also for table wines of a type other than that for which the average price remains less than the activating price for two consecutive weeks, where such wines stand in close economic relationship with the latter type;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1580/70[3] of 4 August 1970 on private storage aid for table wines of types R I, A I and A II established that private storage aid should be granted for those types of table wine; whereas the amount of such aids was fixed in Article 6 (3) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1437/70[4] of 20 July 1970 on storage contracts for table wine;

Whereas the prices of table wines on the Community markets are at present falling; whereas this trend is revealed by the fact that at several marketing centres the prices for the types of table wine referred to above have fallen below the activating price since the beginning of the 1970/1971 wine-growing year; whereas those prices have not yet risen above the activating prices in spite of the intervention measures activated by Regulation (EEC) No 1580/70; whereas that situation arises from the fact that table wines, whose characteristics are close to those of the R I and A I types, do not qualify for storage aid and consequently compete with the above-mentioned types of wine;

Whereas there is a risk of a further fall in prices if the table wines referred to above, which stand in close economic relationship with the R I and A I types of table wine, continue to escape intervention designed to stabilise prices; whereas, therefore, provision should be made whereby those wines may qualify for storage contracts;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Wine;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The private storage aid referred to in Article 6 (3) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 1437/70 shall be granted in respect of table wines which are not of types R I, R III, A I, A II and A III but which have an actual alcoholic strength of not less than 9·5° and not more than 12·5°.

2. The aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted for such length of time as private storage aid is granted under Regulation (EEC) No 1580/70 for the type of table wine which stands in close economic relationship with the table wine in question.

The red or rosé table wines referred to in paragraph 1 stand in close economic relationship with the R I type of table wine.

The white table wines referred to in paragraph 1 stand in close economic relationship with the A I type of table wine.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

[1] OJ No L 99, 5.5.1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 143, 1.7.1970, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 172, 5.8.1970, p. 38.
[4] OJ No L 160, 22.7.1970, p. 16.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 November 1970.

For the Commission

The President

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