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REGULATION (EEC) No 1598/71 OF THE COUNCIL

of 19 July 1971

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1093/70 as regards the list of products in the wine sector to which alcohol may be added

THE COUNCIL 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 last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2612/70[2] and in particular Article 25 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas Article 25 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provides that the addition of alcohol to the products listed in Article 1 (2) of that Regulation is prohibited with the exception of wines fortified for distillation and liqueur wines; whereas Article 25 (2) of that Regulation however, permit derogations from this prohibition;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1093/70[3] of 8 June 1970 concerning the addition of alcohol to products of Community origin in the wine sector defines the products to which such derogation applies;

Whereas the preparation of products falling within heading No 22.06 of the Common Customs Tariff requires the addition of alcohol to some of the products listed in Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70; whereas in these cases such preparation is significant enough to justify derogation from the prohibition;

Whereas, without prejudice to the results of a harmonisation of the definitions of the products falling within heading No 22.06 of the Common Customs Tariff as regards the exact nature of the alcohol which may be added, it is necessary to prohibit the use of ethyl alcohol other than that of agricultural origin in the preparation of those products;

Whereas, however, the validity of these new provisions should be limited to a trial period;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following shall be added to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1093/70:

'(c) i. grape musts and grape musts in fermentation derived exclusively from the vine varieties referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 and having at least the minimum natural alcoholic strength fixed for the wine-growing region where the grapes were harvested;

ii. table wines;

iii. quality wines p.s.r.;

iv. in certain cases liqueur wines, whether or not imported;

v. imported wines complying with the provisions of Article 28 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70;

intended for the preparation of products falling within heading No 22.06 of the Common Customs Tariff.'

Article 2

The following text shall be substituted for that of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1093/70;

[1] OJ No L 99, 5.5.1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 281, 27.12.1970, p. 6.
[3] OJ No L 128, 12.6.1970, p. 1.

'1. The alcohol added to the products listed in Article 1 (a) and (b) must be either neutral alcohol of vinous origin having an actual alcoholic strength of not less than 95° or an unrectified product derived from the distillation of wine and having an actual alcoholic strength of not less than 52° and not more than 80°.

2. The alcohol added to the products listed in Article 1 (c) must be ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin.'

Article 3

The following Article shall be added to Regulation (EEC) No 1093/70:

'Article 3a

The provisions of Articles 1 (c) and 2 (2) shall be applicable until 31 August 1972.'

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 September 1971.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 July 1971.

For the Council

The President

L. NATALI