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REGULATION (EEC) No 2583/72 OF THE COMMISSION

of 7 December 1972

fixing the reference prices for wines for the period from 16 December 1972 to 15 December 1973

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 last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1651/72,[2] and in particular Article 9 (6) thereof;

Whereas Article 9 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provides that a reference price for red wine and a reference price for white wine must be fixed annually; whereas these reference prices must be fixed on the basis of the guide prices for the types of red and white table wine most representative of Community production, plus the costs incurred in bringing Community wines to the same marketing stage as imported wines;

Whereas the types of table wine most representative of Community production are types R I and A I, defined in Articles 1 and 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 945/70[3] of 26 May 1970 determining the types of table wines; whereas the guide prices for these types of wine are set out in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/72[4] of 17 April 1972 fixing the guide prices for wine for the period from 16 December 1972 to 15 December 1973;

Whereas, moreover, in fixing the reference prices, the factors set out in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 947/70[5] of 26 May 1970 laying down general rules for fixing the reference price and levying the countervailing charge for wine must be taken into account so as to ensure that the level of prices of Community production is effectively protected and that preference is given to that production on the internal market.

Whereas the third subparagraph of Article 9 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provides that reference prices are also to be fixed in respect of wines which have special characteristics or which are intended for special uses; whereas in order to comply with this obligation, reference prices must be fixed for wines offered under the name Riesling or Sylvaner for liqueur wines and for wines fortified for distillation;

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 947/70 provides that the level of reference prices for those products must be established with reference to the level of the prices ruling within the Community for the wines in question and, where a wine distillate has been added, account must also be taken of the prices of the wine distillates within the Community as well as the cost of preparation;

Whereas the costs, with the exception of losses, incurred in bringing Community wines to the same marketing stage as imported wines, established as provided in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 947/70, can be assessed at a standard rate; whereas neither these costs, nor the other factors considered have varied appreciably, except for transport costs which have increased about 8 %;

Whereas the Management Committee for Wine has not delivered an Opinion within the time limit set by the Chairman;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the period from 16 December 1972 to 15 December 1973 the reference prices for wines shall be as follows:

1. red wine: 1·84 u.a./degree/hl;

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1 OJ No L 99, 5.5.1970, p. 11.
2 OJ No L 174, 1.8.1972, p. 52.
3 OJ No L 114, 27.5.1970, p. 1.
4 OJ No L 94, 21.4.1972, p. 16.
5 OJ No L 114, 27.5.1970, p. 4.

2. white wine other than that referred to at 3: 1·75 u.a./degree/hl;

3. white wine offered for import under the name Riesling or Sylvaner: 37·17 u.a./hl;

4. liqueur wine: 4.30 u.a./degree/hl;

5. wine fortified for distillation: 1·20 u.a./degree/hl.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16 December 1972.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 December 1972.

For the Commission

The President

S. L. MANSHOLT