REGULATION (EEC) No 3410/73 OF THE COMMISSION
of 18 December 1973
on long-term private storage aid of certain 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 organization of the market in wine as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2592/73 (2), and in particular Articles 5 (6) and 6 (4) thereof ;

Whereas the forward estimates for the 1973/74 wine year show that the quantities of table wine found to be available at the beginning of that wine year exceed total demand for the wine year by more than four month's consumption ; whereas the situation in which long-term storage contracts may be concluded pursuant to Article 5 (5) of the Regulation aforesaid thus obtains ; whereas under Article 5 (4) of the same Regulation the conclusion of short-term contracts for the relevant wine is to be suspended ;

Whereas the forward estimates aforesaid show that there are surpluses, in particular, for Types RI, RII and A I table wines as well as for table wines which are economically closely linked with these types of table wines ; whereas provision should therefore be made for concluding long-term contracts for those wines ;

Whereas under Article 6 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 the amount of the long-term private storage aid may be increased by up to 20 % ; whereas in view of the circumstances for the present wine year, and in particular of the quantities available, which warrant the conclusion of long-term storage contracts, a 20 % increase seems appropriate in the amount of the aid under Article 6 (3), of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1437/70 (3) of 20 July 1970, on storage contracts for table wine, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 753/73 (4) ;

Whereas, to relieve the market of a long-term excess of supply as well as to eliminate the possibility of fresh difficulties arising upon the expiry of the short-term storage contracts already concluded, the conclusion of long-term contracts should be authorized for wine which has been the subject of a short-term contract concluded between 1 December 1973 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Wines,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Long-term storage contracts for table wines of types RI, RII and A I, as well as the table wines which are economically closely linked with these types of table wines, may be concluded on condition that their actual alcoholic strength is not inferior to 10 °. These contracts shall be valid for a period of nine months.

Article 2

The amount of aid fixed in Article 6 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1437/70 shall be increased by 20 % in respect of the contracts provided for in Article 1 above.

Article 3

Should the person concerned so request, short-term storage contracts concluded between 1 December 1973 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall be terminated for those quantities in respect of which the person concerned concluded a long-term storage contract.

In this case, for the volume thus placed under long-term storage contract, the right to short-term storage aid remains vested for the period during which it has been placed under such a contract.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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 269, 26. 9. 1973, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 160, 22. 7. 1970, p. 16.
(4) OJ No L 69, 16. 3. 1973, p. 32.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 December 1973.

For the Commission

The President

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