REGULATION (EEC) No 3412/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 18 December 1973

fixing the reference prices for wines for the period from 16 December 1973 to 15 December 1974

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 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 1352/73 (4) of 15 May 1973, fixing the guide prices for wine for the period from 16 December 1973 to 15 December 1974 ;

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 consideration so as to ensure an effective protection of the level of prices, as well as an outlet priority on the internal market, of the Community production ; whereas it is necessary to take account of these factors, notably for the wine growing year 1973/74 for which it appears from the forward estimate that the amount available is very important.

Whereas, according to the Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 Article 9 (1), third subparagraph, reference prices are also fixed for wines which have particular characteristics or those destined for particular end uses ; whereas, in order to take account of this obligation it is fitting to fix reference prices for, on one hand, wines coming from the Riesling or Sylvaner wine varieties and liqueur wines and, on the other hand, also for wine fortified for distillation and the liqueur wines to be used in the preparation of products other than those under the position 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff.

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 1973 to 15 December 1974 the reference prices for wines shall be as follows :

1. Red wine : 1·93 u.a./degree/hl ;

2. White wine other than that referred to at 3 : 1·84 u.a./degree/hl ;

3. White wine offered for import under the name Riesling or Sylvaner : 39·00 u.a./hl ;

4. Liqueur wine : 4·30 u.a./degree/hl ;

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 269, 26. 9. 1973, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 114, 27. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 141, 28. 5. 1973, p. 17.
(5) OJ No L 114, 27. 5. 1970, p. 4.

5. Liqueur wines destined to be transformed into products other than those under position 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff : 2·25 u.a./ degree/hl ;

6. Wine fortified for distillation : 1·40 u.a./degree/ hl.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 16 December 1973.

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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