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REGULATION (EEC) No 3535/73 OF THE COUNCIL
of 17 December 1973
on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 541/70 [1] of 20 March 1970 on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas, under the second subparagraph of Article 1 (1) of the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands are to apply the system provided for in the third paragraph of Article 6 of the Convention on the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxembourg of 25 July 1921; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 541/70 provides that such system is to remain applicable until full harmonization of specific duties on wine in the Community is achieved; whereas, however, if such harmonization is not achieved, the Council is to decide, not later than 31 December 1973, to what extent these provisions must be retained, amended or abolished;

Whereas at the present time the harmonization of specific duties on wine in the Community has not been achieved; whereas the application of the said system in favour of Luxembourg wines will continue to be of benefit to the agricultural income of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in the sector concerned;

Whereas, for the other reasons given in the abovementioned Regulation, the said system should now continue to be applicable for the period during which it is expected that the Directive on the harmonization of excise duties on wine will be brought into operation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The provisions of the second subparagraph of Article 1 (1) of the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg shall remain applicable until full harmonization of specific duties on wine in the Community is achieved, but in any event not later than 31 December 1974.

The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall decide to what extent these provisions must be retained, amended or abolished as from that date.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1973.

For the Council

The President

I. NØRGAARD

[1] OJ No L 68, 25. 3. 1970, p. 3.