REGULATION (EEC) No 456/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 31 January 1973

on interim measures for the importation into the Community of wine exported as 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty [1] concerning the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Brussels on 22 January 1972, and in particular Article 63 of the Act [2] annexed thereto;

Whereas the application, as from 1 February 1973, by the United Kingdom and Ireland of rules for importation laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 [3] of 28 April 1970, making additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine, and in particular the countervailing charge referred to in Article 9 (3) thereof, could cause a sharp deflection of the traditional exports of wine by Cyprus to the markets of the United Kingdom and Ireland as 'Cyprus Sherry'; whereas such deflection is of a nature to cause serious harm both to Cyprus, a country to which the Community is bound by an associated agreement, and to British and Irish imports of this product;

Whereas the Community has signed a protocol with Cyprus providing for the application of the rules for importation under Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 to be deferred in the case of the product in question; whereas moreover the provisions of this protocol will not enter into force before 1 February 1973; whereas measures are therefore required to ensure that, pending the entry into force of the interim preferential rules provided for in the above mentioned protocol, imports into the United Kingdom and Ireland shall not be subject to rules for the importation into the Community of wine from third countries;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Wine;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The countervailing charge provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 9 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 shall not be levied on imports into the United Kingdom and Ireland of wine exported as 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus.

Article 2

Article 1 shall apply to a maximum annual volume of 50 000 hectolitres.

Article 3

Wines imported into the United Kingdom and Ireland free of the countervailing charge, as provided by Article 1, may not be dispatched to other Member States.

Article 4

The Member States in question shall inform the Commission, on the 16th day of each month at the latest, of the quantity of wine imported in accordance with this Regulation during the preceding month.

Article 5

This Regulation shall apply until the entry into force of the rules for the import into the Community of the product referred to in Article 1 to be adopted pursuant to the agreement between the Republic of Cyprus and the Community, and in particular the exchange of

[1] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
[3] OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.

letters annexed to the protocol on certain provisions bearing on the agreemeent establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus consequent upon the Accession of new Member States to the Community, signed on 19 December 1972 at Brussels, and no later than 30 April 1973.

Article 6

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

It shall apply from 1 February 1973.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 January 1973.

For the Commission

The President

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