# REGULATION (EEC) No 1533/74 OF THE COUNCIL

## of 17 June 1974

## amending Regulation (EEC) No 948/70 defining certain products falling within heading Nos 20.07, 22.04 and 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in third countries

THE COUNCIL 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 1532/74 [2], and in particular Article 1 (4) (c) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas in certain third countries grape musts that have been subjected to dehydration by the direct heat of a fire, which normally causes partial caramelization, are used in the preparation of quality liqueur wine; whereas it is therefore necessary to adapt the definition of 'liqueur wine' set out in Council Regulation (EEC) No 948/70 [3] of 26 May 1970 defining certain products falling within heading Nos 20.07, 22.04 and 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in third countries in order to allow the addition of grape must in the preparation of certain quality liqueur wines;

Whereas, moreover, the adaptation of the definition of imported liqueur wine aims at bringing it closer to that of liqueur wine produced in the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 948/70, the definition of liqueur wine shall be replaced by the following:

'Liqueur wine: the product which

— has a total alcoholic strength of not less than 17·5° and an actual alcoholic strength of not less than 15° and not more than 22° and

— is obtained from grape must or wine, which must come from vine varieties approved in the third country of origin for the production of liqueur wine and has a minimum alcoholic strength of 12°:

— by freezing or

— by the addition during or after fermentation

(i) of a product derived from the distillation of wine or

(ii) of concentrated grape must or, in the case of certain quality liqueur wines appearing on a list to be adopted of wines for which such practice is traditional, of grape must concentrated by direct heat, which, apart from this operation, corresponds to the definition of concentrated grape must, or

(iii) of a mixture of these products.

However, certain quality liqueur wines appearing on a list to be adopted may be obtained from unfermented fresh grape must which does not need to have a minimum natural alcoholic strength of 12°'

*Article 2*

1. Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 948/70 shall be deleted.

2. The following Article shall be added to Regulation (EEC) No 948/70:

'*Article 3a*

The rules of application of this Regulation, in particular as regards, for each product referred to in Article 2, the requirements referred to in Article 3, shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 7 of Regulation No 24 [1] on the progressive establishment of a common organization of the market in wine.'

*Article 3*

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

It shall apply as from 1 July 1974.

[1] OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
[2] See page 1 of this Official Journal.
[3] OJ No L 114, 27. 5. 1970, p. 6.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 17 June 1974.

*For the Council*

*The President*

J. ERTL