REGULATION (EEC) No 2186/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 20 August 1974

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 as regards the application of the system of import licences in the wine sector

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 1532/74 [2], and in particular Article 8 (3) thereof;

Whereas the third indent of Article 4 (3) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70 [3] on common detailed rules for the application of the system of imports and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products subject to a single price system, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2111/74 [4], provides that no licence shall be required for the purposes of operations relating to quantities such that the security for the corresponding licence would be less than 2 units of account; whereas the application of this provision in the wine sector would entail the fixing of a number of different levels of exemption according to the type of product concerned and its alcoholic strength; whereas it is thus desirable, for reasons of administrative simplification, to specify a single level of exemption for all wine products, and to amend accordingly Article 52 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 [5] on special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1454/74 [6];

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 text of Article 52 of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 52*

No licence shall be required for the purposes of operations relating to a quantity not exceeding 1 hectolitre or as appropriate 100 kilogrammes.'

Article 2

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

It shall apply in respect of operations for which customs import formalities are completed on or after 1 October 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 August 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 166, 21. 6. 1974, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 158, 20. 7. 1970, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 220, 10. 8. 1974, p. 5.
(5) OJ No L 283, 29. 12. 1970, p. 15.
(6) OJ No L 155, 12. 6. 1974, p. 10.