REGULATION (EEC) No 3157/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 13 December 1974

fixing the reference prices for wines for the period 16 December 1974 to 15 December 1975

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 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, as 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 2496/74 [4] of 2 October 1974 fixing the guide prices for wine for the period from 16 December 1974 to 15 December 1975;

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 that the level of prices is adequately safeguarded and that priority of outlet on the internal market goes to Community-produced wines; whereas it is necessary to take account of these factors, notably for the wine growing year 1974/75, for which it appears from forward estimates that the quantities available are very substantial;

Whereas pursuant to the third subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70, Article 9 (1), reference prices are to be fixed for wines which have special characteristics or which are intended for special uses; whereas in pursuance of this provision reference prices should be fixed for wines of the Riesling or Sylvaner variety, for liqueur wines, for wine fortified for distillation and for liqueur wines to be used in the preparation of products other than those falling within heading No 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 wine distillates within the Community and of the cost of preparation;

Whereas the costs incurred in bringing Community wines to the same marketing stage as imported wines, which are to be established as provided in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 947/70, may, with the exception of those in respect of losses, be assessed at a standard rate; whereas neither these costs, nor the other factors to be considered have varied appreciably since the last occasion on which prices were fixed, with the exception of transport costs, which have increased by some 13 %;

Whereas the Management Committee for Wine has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the period 16 December 1974 to 15 December 1975 the reference prices for wines shall be as follows:

1. Red wine: 2·22 u.a./degree/hl;

2. White wine other than that specified in point 3 below: 2·12 u.a./degree/hl;

3. White wine presented for importation under the name Riesling or Sylvaner: 45·00 u.a./hl;

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 166, 21. 6. 1974, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 114, 27. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 268, 3. 10. 1974, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 114, 27. 5. 1970, p. 4.

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

5. Liqueur wines intended for processing into products other than those falling within heading No 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff : 2·40 u.a./degree/hl ;

6. Wine fortified for distillation : 1·55 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 with effect from 16 December 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 December 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI