REGULATION (EEC) No 1786/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 10 July 1975

amending Regulation (EEC) No 267/75 and Regulation (EEC) No 1036/75 on the distillation of table wines

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 678/75 [2], and in particular Article 7 (1) thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Whereas the distillation period mentioned in Article 4 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1036/75 [3] of 21 April 1975 laying down general rules governing the distillation of table wines during the period 7 June to 31 July 1975, has been extended by Regulation (EEC) No 1623/75 [4] ; whereas the period for concluding distillation contracts referred to in paragraph 3 of that Article should be adjusted ;

Whereas Article 6 (3) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 267/75 [5] of 31 January 1975 laying down general rules for table wine distilling operations which should end on 6 June 1975 and Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1036/75 lay down that distillation may not take place after a certain date ; whereas this provision may create difficulties when unforeseen events compel distilleries to suspend distillation for a certain period ; whereas, to ensure maximum distillation efficiency, it is advisable that in chance circumstances or in cases of *force majeure*, the intervention agency of the Member State concerned should be in a position to authorize the distilleries concerned to resume distillation operations for a number of days such that the total distillation period does not exceed the authorized limit,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In subparagraph 3 of Article 4 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1036/75, the date '1 July 1975' shall be replaced by '25 July 1975'.

Article 2

Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 267/75 and Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1036/75 shall be supplemented by the following paragraph :

'4. Should a distillery be compelled to suspend distillation operations as a result of chance circumstance or *force majeure*, the intervention agency of the Member State concerned may authorize it to resume distillation for a number of days such that the total distillation period does not exceed the authorized limit. Distillation must, however, be completed by no later than 20 October 1975.'

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels, 10 July 1975.

For the Council

The President

E. COLOMBO

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(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 72, 20. 3. 1975, p. 43.
(3) OJ No L 103, 23. 4. 1975, p. 3.
(4) OJ No L 164, 27. 6. 1975, p. 42.
(5) OJ No L 30, 4. 2. 1975, p. 2.