REGULATION (EEC) No 680/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 4 March 1975

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector

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 25 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 25 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 the addition of alcohol to the products listed in Article 1 (2) of that Regulation is prohibited, with the exception of wines fortified for distillation and liqueur wines; whereas Article 25 (2), however, permits derogations from this prohibition;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 [3] of 15 July 1974 concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector, provides for such derogation in respect of certain products;

Whereas it appears advisable to provide for the addition of alcohol to grape musts imported from third countries so as to establish a practice comparable to that for Community grape musts; whereas, however, authorization for such a practice might, if granted systematically and without restriction, disturb the market in Community grape musts; whereas the consequences of such authorization should be examined at the end of an experimental period; whereas, to that end, it seemed justified to restrict this period to 31 December 1975; whereas, moreover, experience in respect of the products referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 indicates that the provisional period should be extended from 31 August to 31 December 1975; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 should therefore be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 is replaced by the following:

'(a) grape musts produced in the Community, derived exclusively from vine varieties referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 and having a natural alcoholic strength of not less than 8·5°,

(b) grape musts in fermentation produced in the Community, derived exclusively from vine varieties referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 and having at least the minimum natural alcoholic strength fixed for the wine-growing zone where the grapes were harvested,

(c) imported grape musts having a natural alcoholic strength of not less than 8·5°,

(d) table wines,

(e) quality wines psr,

(f) in certain cases liqueur wines, whether or not imported,

(g) imported wines fulfilling the requirements of Article 28 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70,

intended for the preparation of products falling within heading No 22.06 of the Common Customs Tariff.'

Article 2

The following paragraph is inserted after Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74:

'1a The products referred to in Article 1 (3) (a) and (c) may not, after the addition of alcohol,

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[1] OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
[2] See page 43 of this Official Journal.
[3] OJ No L 198, 20. 7. 1974, p. 1.

have an actual alcoholic strength of less than 15° or more than 22°.'

Article 3

In Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 the date '31 August 1975' is replaced by '31 December 1975'.

Article 4

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

It shall be applicable as from 1 July 1975.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 March 1975.

For the Council

The President

M. A. CLINTON