COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2167/76

of 2 September 1976

on the granting of aid for the re-storage of table wine in respect of which a storage contract was concluded during the wine-growing year 1975/76

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 of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1167/76 [2], and in particular Articles 6a and 35 thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provides for the conclusion of long-term storage contracts; whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1437/70 of 20 July 1976 on storage contracts for table wine [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 546/75 [4], lays down the terms on which such contracts may be concluded; whereas the quantities of table wine at present covered by a current storage contract are greater than usual at this time of year; whereas this is attributable to the fact that sales during the current wine-growing year were not sufficient to provide an outlet for all the quantities available at the beginning of the year;

Whereas the wine in question is stored in containers which may be needed for storing the next vintage;

Whereas, in order that producers may store their next vintage under normal conditions, aid should be granted for the re-storage of table wine, but subject to a limitation as to distance;

Whereas, in order to ensure that this measure applies only in cases which appear to be economically justified, only storage contracts concluded during a specified period should be eligible; whereas, in order that the measure may be implemented in a proper manner, provisions should be laid down concerning the mode of transport and the time limit for the submission of applications;

Whereas, since the period for administrative implementation of this measure is short, the quantities concerned often small and the transport costs low by comparison with the total costs, the amount of the aid should be fixed at a standard rate;

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

Upon application and subject to the conditions laid down in Article 2, aid may be granted for the re-storage in another locality or part of a locality, or in other storage premises belonging to a third party, of table wines in respect of which storage contracts were concluded pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1437/70 during the wine-growing year 1975/76.

Article 2

Aid may be granted only if:

— the distance the wine is transported does not exceed 150 km; provided that where storage capacity is not available within this distance the intervention agency may authorize transportation to the nearest suitable place of storage;

— the relevant storage contracts have been made before 1 September 1976 and, except in the case of long-term storage contracts, will expire after 20 October 1976;

— the wine is re-stored before 10 October 1976 and transported in one or more vehicles;

— the application for aid is submitted to the intervention agency in the Member State concerned before 20 September 1976.

[1] OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 135, 24. 5. 1976, p. 42.
[3] OJ No L 160, 22. 7. 1970, p. 16.
[4] OJ No L 58, 4. 3. 1975, p. 5.

Article 3

For all table wines the amount of the aid shall be 1·05 units of account per hectolitre.

Article 4

1. Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the necessary checks are carried out. They shall in particular ensure that re-storage of the table wine concerned has in fact taken place.

2. Member States shall inform the Commission by 30 November 1976 of the quantities of wine re-stored.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 2 September 1976.

For the Commission

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