COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2790/76

of 18 November 1976

derogating from the obligation to distil wines made from table grapes

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 Article 24b (4) thereof,

Whereas paragraph 1 of the said Article provides that, except where a derogation has been decided on, wines made from table grapes may only be transported to a distillery for the purposes of distillation ;

Whereas the 1976 harvest is average and even below average in Italy ; whereas, moreover in that Member State the average alcoholic strength is low ; whereas coupage with wines of high alcoholic strength is all the more difficult as the wines with low alcoholic strength are mainly the wines of the south of Italy intended for coupage ;

Whereas in these circumstances an increased demand for concentrated grape musts is to be expected ; whereas to meet this demand producers might decide to concentrate grape musts which would otherwise be made into wine ; whereas in this way the volume of production might subsequently be reduced with adverse effects on the market ; whereas moreover the table grapes are frequently not of sufficiently good quality to be marketed ;

Whereas in the circumstances it seems advisable to derogate from the obligation referred to in Article 24b and to authorize the enrichment of wine by means of concentrated grape musts made from table grapes ;

Whereas this derogation should be limited to those regions where the climatic conditions have led to the production of table grapes of such mediocre quality that they are not fit to be marketed ;

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

Table wines which have been produced by enrichment by means of concentrated grape musts made from grapes of the varieties listed in the classification of vine varieties as table grapes produced in 1976 in the Italian part of Zone C III and in the administrative districts of L'Aquila, Chieti, Pescara, Teramo shall be exempt from the obligation laid down in Article 24b of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70.

Article 2

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, 18 November 1976.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 135, 24. 5. 1976, p. 42.