COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2996/76

of 9 December 1976

fixing the activating prices for table wines for the period 16 December 1976 to 15 December 1977

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 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 2829/76 (2), and in particular Article 3 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas an activating price must be fixed annually for each type of wine for which a guide price is fixed, taking into consideration the factors set out in Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 ;

Whereas the quality of the 1976/77 harvest can generally be regarded as average ;

Whereas the average weighted prices have tended to rise somewhat since the end of the 1975/76 wine year ; whereas, however, with the exception of R I and R II table wines, the weighted average prices for all the other types are either lower than or close to the activating price ;

Whereas, because of the lower level of stocks brought forward from the previous wine-growing year and the quantity available is similar to that recorded for the previous wine-growing year ;

Whereas the level of activating prices must take account of the factors mentioned above ; whereas, therefore, the activating prices fixed for the previous wine year should be increased, without, however, encouraging production ;

Whereas the guide prices for the period 16 December 1976 to 15 December 1977 were fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 833/76 (3) ; whereas Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provides that the activating price shall be fixed at the same stage and shall be valid during the same period as the guide price ; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 945/70 (4) determines the types of table wine to which these prices apply,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The activating prices for the period 16 December 1976 to 15 December 1977 are hereby fixed as follows :

1. 1·82 units of account per degree/hectolitre for table wine of type R I,
2. 1·82 units of account per degree/hectolitre for table wine of type R II,
3. 28·44 units of account per hectolitre for table wine of type R III,
4. 1·71 units of account per degree/hectolitre for table wine of type A I,
5. 37·89 units of account per hectolitre for table wine of type A II,
6. 43·27 units of account per hectolitre for table wine of type A III.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16 December 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 December 1976.

For the Council

The President

P. J. J. MERTENS

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 326, 25. 11. 1976, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 100, 14. 4. 1976, p. 12.
(4) OJ No L 114, 27. 5. 1970, p. 1.