COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3060/76

of 14 December 1976

granting aid for the long-term private storage of certain table wines for the wine year 1976/77

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 2829/76 [2], and in particular Articles 5 (7) and 6 (5) thereof,

Whereas, according to the forward estimate for 1976/77, the quantities of table wine available at the beginning of the wine year exceed by over four months' consumption the total foreseeable requirements for the said wine year; whereas, consequently, the conditions for the conclusion of long-term storage contracts under Article 5 (4) of the abovementioned Regulation are fulfilled;

Whereas the forward estimate referred to above reveals the existence of surpluses for all types of table wines and for table wines which stand in close economic relationship to those types of table wines; whereas provision should therefore be made to enable long-term contracts to be concluded for those types of table wines; whereas, in accordance with Article 5 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70, the right to conclude short-term contracts for the wines in question should therefore be suspended;

Whereas Article 6 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 lays down that, for long-term contracts, the amount of the aid may be increased to 20 %; whereas, in the light of the conditions prevailing in this wine year, and in particular of the quantities available, which are such as to permit the conclusion of long-term contracts, provision should be made for increasing by 15 % the rates of aid specified in Article 11 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76 of 13 August 1976 on storage contracts for table wine, grape must and concentrated grape must [3];

Whereas, in order to relieve the market on a more lasting basis and to prevent further difficulties after the expiry of the short-term contracts already concluded, it appears advisable to permit the conclusion of long-term storage contracts for wine covered by short-term contracts concluded before the date of entry into force of this Regulation;

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

Authorization is hereby given for the conclusion of long-term contracts for all types of table wines and for table wines which stand in close economic relationship to those types of table wines, provided that the actual alcoholic strength thereof is not less then 10°.

Article 2

For the storage contracts referred to in Article 1, the amount of aid as specified in Article 11 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76 shall be increased by 15 %.

Article 3

Short-term contracts concluded before the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall, at the request of the party concerned, be terminated in respect of those quantities for which at the time of such termination that party enters into a long-term storage contract.

In that event, entitlement to short-term storage aid for the said quantities shall be lost in respect of the period during which they are under long-term contract.

Article 4

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

It shall apply with effect from 16 December 1976.

[1] OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 326, 25. 11. 1976, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 221, 14. 8. 1976, p. 20.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1976.

For the Commission

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