COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 673/76

of 26 March 1976

amending for the ninth time Regulation (EEC) No 1770/72 on detailed rules of application relating to the additional conditions with which imported wines for direct human consumption have to comply

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 1932/75 (2), and in particular Article 28 (5) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/71 of 20 July 1971 laying down additional conditions with which imported wines for direct human consumption have to comply (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 679/75 (4), provides in Article 3a that wines originating in and coming from third countries whose exports to the Community of wines intended for direct human consumption, other than sparkling and liqueur wines, are less than 1 000 hl per year may be exempted on importation into the Community from the obligation to present the certificate and analysis report referred to in Article 2 of the said Regulation;

Whereas, pursuant to that provision, Regulation (EEC) No 3337/75 (5) extended until 31 March 1976 the validity of Article 9 (1) (e) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1770/72 of 3 August 1972 on detailed rules of application relating to the additional conditions with which imported wines for direct human consumption have to comply (6);

Whereas the information on imports from the relevant third countries concerned shows that the ceiling of 1 000 hl per year is exceeded only by the USSR; whereas, therefore, the exemption in question should be extended until 31 March 1977, except in the case of that country;

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

In Article 9 (1) (e) of Regulation (EEC) No 1770/72 the date '31 March 1976' is replaced by '31 March 1977'.

Article 2

In Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 1770/72 the reference to the USSR is hereby deleted.

Article 3

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 April 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1976.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 198, 29. 7. 1975, p. 19.
(3) OJ No L 168, 27. 7. 1971, p. 3.
(4) OJ No L 72, 20. 3. 1975, p. 45.
(5) OJ No L 329, 23. 12. 1975, p. 24.
(6) OJ No L 191, 21. 8. 1972, p. 31.