COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1518/77

of 6 July 1977

enabling short-term private storage contracts to be concluded for table wines closely related economically to the RI type of table wine

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 528/77 (2), and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 5 (7) thereof,

Whereas the second subparagraph of Article 5 (2) thereof provides that, if the state of the market so requires, a decision may be taken to allow short-term storage contracts to be concluded in respect of table wines other than those of the type for which this possibility exists they may be concluded, where such table wines are closely related economically to that type of table wine ;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1328/77 of 21 June 1677 (3) enabled short-term private storage contracts to be concluded for the RI type of table wine ;

Whereas table wine prices on the Community market are at present falling ; whereas this trend has been marked by the fact that intervention measures have had to be brought into effect for the RI type of table wine ; whereas, however, large quantities of red table wines that are closely related economically to the RI type of table wine are on the market and are subject to the general decline in prices ;

Whereas these red table wines that are closely related economically to the RI type of table wine are not covered by the said intervention measures, and consequently may prevent the measures taken from having the effect desired ; whereas, therefore, storage contracts should be allowed to be concluded for such red table wines ;

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

1. The power to conclude short-term private storage contracts for the the RI type of table wine granted by Regulation (EEC) No 1328/77 is hereby extended to red table wines that are closely related economically to the RI type of table wine.

2. Red table wines with an actual alcoholic strength of not less than 12° and not more than 12·5°, and which do not fall within type R III, shall be considered to be closely related economically to the RI type of table wine.

3. The power referred to in paragraph 1 shall continue for as long as the same power exists under Regulation (EEC) No 1328/77 for the RI type of table wine.

Article 2

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 6 July 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 69, 16. 3. 1977, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 153, 22. 6. 1977, p. 7.