COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1573/77

of 13 July 1977

on the granting of restorage aid for table wine for which a storage contract was concluded during the 1976/77 wine-growing year

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 Articles 6a and 35 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76 of 13 August 1976 on storage contracts for table wine, grape must and concentrated grape must (3) lays down the procedure for concluding contracts;

Whereas the quantities of table wine in stock are large for the time of the year; whereas this is due to the fact that outlets during the current wine-growing year are not absorbing the quantities available at the beginning of the said year;

Whereas the wine that is under storage contracts is stored in containers which may be required to store the next harvest;

Whereas, in the circumstances, the restorage aid referred to in Article 6a of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 should now be granted, particularly since the recent bad weather affecting certain production zones already shows where part of these quantities could be restored;

Whereas the aid should be restricted to restorage carried out within a maximum distance;

Whereas, in order to limit this measure to cases where it appears economically justified, only those storage contracts which are concluded or the validity of which has been extended by the intervention agencies during a given period should be considered; wheras, in order to ensure that the measure is properly implemented, provisions should also be adopted concerning the nature of the transport and the date of submission of the application;

Whereas, since there is little time for administrative implementation and since the quantities involved are often small and the transport costs small by comparison with the total costs, a standard amount of aid should be fixed;

Whereas the measures privided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

On application and subject to the conditions laid down in Article 2, aid may be granted for the restorage of table wine that is covered by a storage contract under Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76 in another location or another warehouse belonging to a third party.

Article 2

Aid may be granted only where:

— the distance is not more than 150 kilometres; neverthless, where storage capacity is not available within this distance, the intervention agency may authorize transport to the nearest appropriate place of storage,

— the storage contracts in question are either concluded before 20 July 1977 or their validity is extended by the intervention agencies under Article 16(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76 before 20 August 1977 and, in the case of long-term storage contracts, expire after 20 September 1977,

— the restorage takes place between 1 August and 10 October 1977, and the transport is carried out in one or more vehicles,

— applications for aid are submitted before 20 September 1977 to the intervention agency in the Member State concerned.

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 69, 16. 3. 1977, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 221, 14. 8. 1976, p. 20.

Article 3

The aid for all table wines shall be 1·10 units of account per hectolitre.

Article 4

1. Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the necessary controls ; they shall, in particular, check that the restorage of the wine has actually taken place.

2. Member States shall notify the Commission by 30 November 1977 at the latest of the quantities of wine which have entered into restorage.

Article 5

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, 13 July 1977.

For the Commission

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