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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 528/77

of 14 March 1977

amending Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 as regards the rules on the maximum sulphur dioxide content of wine

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas Article 26a of Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine (2), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2842/76 (3), provides for a transitional adjustment period in respect of the sulphur dioxide content of certain wines produced in the Community or imported from non-member countries and intended for direct human consumption, other than sparkling wines and liqueur wines; whereas this period was extended until 28 February 1977 by Article 24 of Regulation (EEC) No 1160/76 (4);

Whereas, in order to facilitate adjustment to the aforementioned content levels, the transitional period should be further extended by 12 months,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 26a of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 is hereby amended as follows:

— in paragraph 1 '28 February 1977' shall read '28 February 1978';

— in paragraph 2 '31 December 1976' shall read '31 December 1977'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 March 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 March 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

(1) Opinion delivered on 11 March 1977 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(2) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 327, 26. 11. 1976, p. 2.
(4) OJ No L 135, 24. 5. 1976, p. 1.