COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 529/77

of 14 March 1977

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and specified in item 12 of Annex II to Regulations (EEC) No 816/70 and (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions

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 Articles 12 and 16 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 of 18 November 1974 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and specified in item 12 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 (2), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2426/76 (3), and Article 10 (b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 of 28 April 1970 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2878/76 (5), provided for a transitional adjustment period in respect of the sulphur dioxide content of sparkling wines, quality sparkling wines and quality sparkling wines produced in specified regions ; whereas that period was extended until 28 February 1977 by Regulation (EEC) No 2426/76 ;

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

Whereas the amendment of Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 by Regulation (EEC) No 1160/76, whereby Zone C I is divided into two parts, necessitates an amendment to Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 shall be amended as follows :

1. The date 28 February 1977 specified in the second subparagraph of Articles 12 (1) and 16 (1) is replaced by 28 February 1978.
2. The date 31 December 1976 specified in Articles 12 (2) and 16 (2) is replaced by 31 December 1977.

Article 2

The third indent of Article 5 (1) (d) of Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 shall be amended to read as follows :

'— 2° for a cuvée composed of constituents from wine-growing Zone C I a, C I b, C II or C III, provided that the natural alcoholic strength of each constituent is at least 7·5°, 8°, 8·5° or 9° respectively.'.

Article 3

Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 shall be amended as follows :

1. The date 28 February 1977 specified in the second subparagraph of Article 10 (b) (1) shall be replaced by 28 February 1978.
2. The date 31 December 1976 specified in Article 10 (b) (2) shall be replaced by 31 December 1977.

Article 4

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

Articles 1 and 3 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 310, 21. 11. 1974, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 276, 7. 10. 1976, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 331, 30. 11. 1976, p. 3.