COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 531/77

of 14 March 1977

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1848/76 laying down general rules for the import of wines, grape juice and grape must

THE COUNCIL 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 2842/76 (2), and in particular Article 28 (1a) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 28 (1a) second subparagraph (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provides for the possibility of dispensing with the certificate and analysis report in the case of products imported from non-member countries which are packed in small containers and transported in limited quantities; whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1848/76 of 27 July 1976 laying down general rules for the import of wines, grape juice and grape must (3), made use of this possibility in the case of certain imports; whereas experience has shown that this exemption should be extended to certain products not intended for normal trade and which are usually transported in limited quantities,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1848/76 shall be replaced by the following:

'2. The certificate and analysis report shall also be dispensed with for:

— quantities of wine of 15 litres or less:
  — carried in the luggage of travellers,
  — sent in small consignments to private individuals where such quantities are obviously intended for the personal or family consumption of the persons concerned;
— wines and grape juice in containers of four litres or less originating in and imported from third countries whose annual exports to the Community are less than 1 000 hectolitres;
— wines and grape juice forming part of the belongings of private individuals who are moving house;
— wines and grape juice for trade fairs qualifying for the customs arrangements laid down for that purpose, provided that the products in question are put up in containers of two litres or less;
— quantities of wine, grape must and grape juice imported for the purpose of scientific and technical experiments, subject to a maximum of one hectolitre;
— wines for diplomatic, consular or similar establishments, imported as part of their duty-free allowance;
— wines and grape juice held on board international means of transport as victualling supplies.

Nothing in the provisions of this Regulation shall affect the operation of the arrangements applicable to persons living in frontier zones.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 14 March 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 327, 26. 11. 1976, p. 2.
(3) OJ No L 204, 30. 7. 1976, p. 5.