COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 548/77

of 16 March 1977

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3148/76 on preventive distillation for the wine-growing year 1976/77

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 2842/76 [2], and in particular Article 6b (4) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3148/76 of 23 December 1976 on preventive distillation for the wine-growing year 1976/77 [3] provides that applications for approval of distillation contracts should be submitted between 26 December 1976 and 28 February 1977 ; whereas this period has been found to be too short, particularly as certain wines that might be used for such distillation were during that time held under short-term storage contracts ; whereas to ensure that such distillation has its full effect, the period initially provided for should be extended by two months ;

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

Regulation (EEC) No 3148/76 is amended as follows :

(a) In Article 2 (1) '28 February 1977' is replaced by '30 April 1977' ;

(b) In Article 2 (2) '15 March 1977' is replaced by '15 May 1977' ;

(c) In Article 6 (1) '15 April 1977' is replaced by '15 June 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 with effect from 1 March 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 March 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 327, 26. 11. 1976, p. 2.
(3) OJ No L 354, 24. 12. 1976, p. 20.